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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

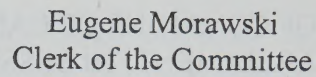
The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Tim Williams, Analyst.



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Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Bob Mills, seconded by Denis Paradis, it was agreed, — That Alan Tonks be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Alan Tonks, seconded by Yasmin Ratansi, it was agreed, — That Lee Richardson be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Lee Richardson, seconded by Jeff Watson, it was agreed, — That Bernard Bigras be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analyst(s) from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least five (5) members are present including two (2) members of the opposition.

On motion of Bob Mills, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement.

Bryon Wilfert moved, — That, at the discretion of the chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated ten (10) minutes for the first round, five (5) minutes for the second round and that the rotation be as follows:

1st Round (10 minutes)

- Conservative Party
- Bloc Québécois
- Liberal Party
- New Democratic Party

2nd Round (5 minutes)

- Alternate between the Opposition and the Government.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Bernard Bigras, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents, only when they exist in both official languages, and that the Clerk control the distribution of all documents in Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase documents for the use of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to purchase gifts on behalf of the Committee for visiting delegations to Canada meeting with the Committee or for foreign hosts when the Committee is travelling abroad.

It was agreed, — That, except for amendments to bills, twenty-four (24) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and That the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

It was agreed, — That the Committee create a Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure composed of the Chair, both Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary, and a representative of the New Democratic Party.

On motion of Lee Richardson, it was agreed, — That whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant Senior Officials of the Department of Environment to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

On motion of Lee Richardson, it was agreed, — That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

At 9:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2004-10-19 4:46 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Jean Turkel

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 14, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY

The Committee will discuss the implementation of impact assessment and
followed.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Gauthier
Nathalie Charbonneau
Michel Gauthier
David A. McKeown
Rob McKeown
David Proulx
Yves St-Onge
Lise St-Onge
Christine St-Onge
Alex Turkel
Jean Turkel
and Brian Wilson

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Turkel

IN ATTENDANCE:

Representative of the Government of Canada

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 21, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Bryon Wilfert.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 21, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Bryon Wilfert.

Associate Members present: Joe Comartin.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That the Committee immediately begin a study on Annex 2001 and if possible report its findings to the House no later than November 26, 2004.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on division.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure establish a schedule of meetings based on the items provided by the members.

At 10:31 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2004-10-21 1:12 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, October 28, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Carrie for Lee Richardson,
and Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Joe Comartin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Karen Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental
Conservation Service;

Jennifer Moore, Director General, Water Policy and Coordination
Directorate, Environmental Conservation Service.

Department of Foreign Affairs Canada:

William (Bill) Crosbie, Director General, North American Bureau;
Peter Fawcett, Deputy Director, U.S. Relations Division.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, October 28, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Yasmin Ratansi, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Colin Carrie for Lee Richardson and Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis.

Associate Members present: Joe Comartin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Karen Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Conservation Service; Jennifer Moore, Director General, Water Policy and Coordination Directorate, Environmental Conservation Service. *Department of Foreign Affairs Canada:* William (Bill) Crosbie, Director General, North American Bureau; Peter Fawcett, Deputy Director, U.S. Relations Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

Karen Brown, Jennifer Moore and William (Bill) Crosbie made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-01 9:35 a.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the the Great Lakes Charter Annex

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras
Nathan Cullen
Brian Jean
David J. McGuinty
Bob Mills
Hon. Denis Paradis
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson
Christian Simard
Alan Tonks
Jeff Watson
Hon. Bryon Wilfert

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin
Francis Scarpaleggia

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

International Joint Commission:

The Right Hon. Herb Gray, Chairman, Canadian Section;

Murray Clamen, Secretary, Canadian Section;

Michael Vechsler, Legal Adviser.

The Right Hon. Herb Gray made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 4

esday, November 2, 2004

e Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West
ck, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Denis
adis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Bryon Wilfert.

ociate Members present: Joe Comartin and Francis Scarpaleggia.

attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

witnesses: International Joint Commission: Herb Gray, Chairman, Canadian Section; Murray Clamen, Secretary,
Canadian Section; Michael Vechsler, Legal Adviser.

suant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee
umed its study of the the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

e Right Hon. Herb Gray made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

04-11-03 3:16 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Department of Canadian Heritage Act and the Parks Canada Agency Act and to make related amendments to other Acts.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Tim Williams, Analyst;

Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment.

WITNESSES:

Parks Canada Agency:

Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer.

Department of the Environment:

Trevor Swerdfager, Director General, Canadian Wildlife Service,
Environmental Conservation Service.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment.

Witnesses: Parks Canada Agency: Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer. *Department of the Environment:* Trevor Swerdfager, Director General, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environmental Conservation Service.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Department of Canadian Heritage Act and the Parks Canada Agency Act and to make related amendments to other Acts.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witness, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee commence clause-by-clause study of Bill C-7.

Clauses 1 to 3 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 4,

Clause 4 carried on division.

Clauses 5 to 28 inclusive carried severally.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the witness, answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-05 10:06 a.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen,
and Ken Epp for Brian Jean.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:
James P. Bruce;
Ralph Pentland.

Danielle Bélisle
Committee Clerk

Français

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen and Ken Epp for Brian Jean.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: James P. Bruce; Ralph Pentland.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite l'Union québécoise de la conservation de la nature at its meeting scheduled November 18th.

On motion of Ken Epp, it was agreed, — That the Chair send on behalf of the Committee a letter of congratulations to Honourable David Anderson and Clifford Lincoln for the award the Sierra Club gave them in recognition for their work on environment.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle
Committee Clerk

2004/11/19 9:54 a.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Kristen Douglas, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Sierra Club of Canada:

Elizabeth May, Executive Director.

Great Lakes United:

Derek R. Stack, Executive Director.

Canadian Environmental Law Association:

Sarah Miller, Coordinator/Researcher.

Council of Canadians:

Sara Ehrhardt, National Water Campaigner;

Steven Shrybman, Legal Counsel.

Stephen Knowles
Committee Clerk

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Kristen Douglas, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Sierra Club of Canada: Elizabeth May, Executive Director. *Great Lakes United:* Derek R. Stack, Executive Director. *Canadian Environmental Law Association:* Sarah Miller, Coordinator/Researcher. *Council of Canadians:* Sara Ehrhardt, National Water Campaigner; Steven Shrybman, Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles
Committee Clerk

2004/11/19 10:07 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the Great Lakes Charter Annex

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras
David J. McGuinty
Bob Mills
Hon. Denis Paradis
Yasmin Ratansi
Lee Richardson
Christian Simard
Alan Tonks
Jeff Watson
Hon. Bryon Wilfert

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Carrie for Lee Richardson
Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen
Cheryl Gallant for Brian Jean

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary information and Research Service:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Colin Carrie for Lee Richardson, Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen and Cheryl Gallant for Brian Jean.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Bernard Bigras, it was agreed, - That the Committee adopt the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. That for Committee study of Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee call witnesses from the Canadian Maritime Law Association and the Shipping Federation of Canada on November 30, 2004.
2. That a request for a legal opinion on the compliance of Bill C-15 with international conventions be requested from the Department of Justice.
3. That the Committee proceed to clause by clause study of Bill C-15, if possible, on November 30 or December 2.
4. That the draft outline for a study on Canada's implementation of the Kyoto Protocol prepared by the Committee analyst be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 10:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-24 12:26 p.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, November 25, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen,
Cheryl Gallant for Brian Jean,
and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen, Cheryl Gallant for Brian Jean and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 21, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the the Great Lakes Charter Annex.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to make certain amendments to the draft report for approval by the appropriate members.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Second Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House as its Second Report .

On motion of Bernard Bigras, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Environment invite Mr. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance, before December 17th 2004, to answer questions on Canada's fiscal measures aimed at applying a sustainable development strategy.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-25 1:50 p.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Marcel Gagnon for Bernard Bigras.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Maritime Law Association:

Peter J. Cullen, President;
John O'Connor, Chair, Marine Pollution Subcommittee.

Shipping Federation of Canada:

Michael Broad, President;
Anne Legars, Director, Policy and Government Affairs.

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador:

Tom Osborne, Minister of Environment and Conservation.

The Hon. Tom Osborne, Anne Legars, Peter J. Cullen and John O'Connor made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Marcel Gagnon for Bernard Bigras.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Maritime Law Association: Peter J. Cullen, President; John O'Connor, Chair, Marine Pollution Subcommittee. *Shipping Federation of Canada:* Michael Broad, President; Anne Legars, Director, Policy and Government Affairs. *Government of Newfoundland and Labrador:* Tom Osborne, Minister of Environment and Conservation.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The Hon. Tom Osborne, Anne Legars, Peter J. Cullen and John O'Connor made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2004-12-01 12:21 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, December 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Casey for Jeff Watson,
and Marcel Gagnon for Bernard Bigras.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Trevor Swerdfager, Director General, Canadian Wildlife Service,
Environmental Conservation Service;
Stephen Wendt, Acting Director, Migratory Birds Branch,
Canadian Wildlife Service, Environmental Conservation Service;
Susan Waters, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, December 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Bill Casey for Jeff Watson and Marcel Gagnon for Bernard Bigras.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Trevor Swerdfager, Director General, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environmental Conservation Service; Stephen Wendt, Acting Director, Migratory Birds Branch, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environmental Conservation Service; Susan Waters, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-15, An Act to amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 and the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The witnesses answered questions.

Clauses 1 to 8 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 9,

Christian Simard moved, — That Bill C-15, in Clause 9, be amended by adding after line 11 on page 13 the following:

“(1.11) In the case of an offence under section 5.1 that is committed by a vessel of 5,000 tonnes deadweight or over,

(a) the fine imposed under paragraph (1.1)(a) shall not be less than \$500,000; and

(b) the fine imposed under paragraph (1.1)(b) shall not be less than \$100,000.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Christian Simard and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

Clause 9, as amended, carried.

Clauses 10 to 52 inclusive carried severally.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 10:32 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2004-12-02 2:27 p.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2004 referred to the Committee on October 26, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Kristen Douglas, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Johanne G  linas, Commissioner of the Environment and
Sustainable Development;

Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch;

John Affleck, Principal;

John Reed, Principal;

Richard Arseneault, Principal.

Johanne G  linas made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Kristen Douglas, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch; John Affleck, Principal; John Reed, Principal; Richard Arseneault, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2004 referred to the Committee on October 26, 2004.

Johanne Gélinas made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2004-12-07 6:27 p.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, December 9, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy:
Gene Nyberg, Acting Executive Director and CEO;
Jean Bélanger, Chair, Ecological Fiscal Reform Task Force;
Alex Wood, Policy Advisor.

Stephen Knowles
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 13

Thursday, December 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy: Gene Nyberg, Acting Executive Director and CEO; Jean Bélanger, Chair, Ecological Fiscal Reform Task Force; Alex Wood, Policy Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee commenced its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Fiscal Reform and Environment.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee proceeded to discuss matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, when the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy is referred to the Committee, pursuant to Standing Orders 32(6) and 111(4), that the Committee call the appointee to appear.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles
Committee Clerk

2004-12-09 4:33 p.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2004 referred to the Committee on October 26, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras
Nathan Cullen
Brian Jean
David J. McGuinty
Hon. Denis Paradis
Lee Richardson
Christian Simard
Alan Tonks

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Lemay for Christian Simard
Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell
Hon. Roy Cullen

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Johanne G  linas, Commissioner of the Environment and
Sustainable Development;
Neil Maxwell, Principal.

Department of Finance:

Serge Dupont, General Director, Tax Policy Branch;
Susan Margles, Director, Sector Policy Analysis, Economic
Development and Corporate Finance.

Susan Margles, Serge Dupont and Johanne G  linas made an opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 8:33 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Denis LeBel, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard and Alan Tonks.

Attending Members present: Marc Lemay for Christian Simard and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

Other Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell and Hon. Roy Cullen.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Neil Maxwell, Principal. *Department of Finance:* Serge Dupont, General Director, Tax Policy Branch; Susan Margles, Director, Sector Policy Analysis, Economic Development and Corporate Finance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2004 - Chapter 3, Sustainable Development Strategies: Using the Tax System and Managing Office Solid Waste, referred to the Committee on October 26, 2004.

Susan Margles, Serge Dupont and Johanne Gélinas made an opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:32 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2004-12-14 11:51 a.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Monday, February 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Denis Paradis, Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the draft schedule on Kyoto, as amended, be adopted.

At 2:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-01 2:56 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, February 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Jeff Watson,
Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis,
and Bradley R. Trost for Bob Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Green Budget Coalition:
Dale Marshall, Member.

Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:
Mark S. Rudolph, Coordinator.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, February 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Dean Allison for Jeff Watson, Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis and Bradley R. Trost for Bob Mills.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Green Budget Coalition: Dale Marshall, Member. *Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:* Mark S. Rudolph, Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Fiscal Reform and Environment.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-03 3:49 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol – Fiscal Reform and Environment

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras
Brian Jean
David J. McGuinty
Bob Mills
Hon. Denis Paradis
Yasmin Ratansi
Lee Richardson
Christian Simard
Alan Tonks
Jeff Watson
Hon. Bryon Wilfert

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Layton for Nathan Cullen
Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:
Bob Hamilton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Tax Policy Branch;
Denis Gauthier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic
Development and Corporate Finance.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Jack Layton for Nathan Cullen and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Bob Hamilton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Tax Policy Branch; Denis Gauthier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic Development and Corporate Finance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Fiscal Reform and Environment.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-08 3:01 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon Roy Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Greenpeace Canada:
Steven Guilbeault, Campaigner, Climate and Energy.

David Suzuki Foundation:
Morag Carter, Director, Climate Change Program.

Équiterre:
Sidney Ribaux, General Coordinator and Co-founder.

Friends of Science Society:
Charles Simpson, President;
Tim Patterson, Expert Witness, Carleton University.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia.

Other Members present: Roy Cullen.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Greenpeace Canada: Steven Guilbeault, Campaigner, Climate and Energy. *David Suzuki Foundation:* Morag Carter, Director, Climate Change Program. *Équiterre:* Sidney Ribaux, General Coordinator and Co-founder. *Friends of Science Society:* Charles Simpson, President; Tim Patterson, Expert Witness, Carleton University.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part I - Setting the Stage: The Current Situation.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-10 3:16 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras
Nathan Cullen
Brian Jean
David J. McGuinty
Lee Richardson
Christian Simard
Alan Tonks
Jeff Watson
Hon. Bryon Wilfert

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis,
Mario Silva for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Frédéric Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Energy Dialogue Group:

Michael Cleland, Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer of
Canadian Gas Association.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Nancy Hughes Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pembina Institute:

Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change.

Ontario Centre for Environmental Technology Advancement:

S. Ed Mallett, President and CEO.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis and Mario Silva for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Beauregard-Tellier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Energy Dialogue Group: Michael Cleland, Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canadian Gas Association. *Canadian Chamber of Commerce:* Nancy Hughes Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Pembina Institute:* Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change. *Ontario Centre for Environmental Technology Advancement:* S. Ed Mallett, President and CEO.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part I - Setting the Stage: The Current Situation.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-25 2:53 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, February 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Lee Richardson
and Alan Tonks.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Paddy Torsney for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

International Institute for Sustainable Development:
David Runnalls, President.

Sierra Club of Canada:
John Bennett, Director, Energy and Atmosphere Campaign.

Natsource:
Jack Cogen, President;
Doug Russell, Managing Director.

David Runnalls, John Bennett and Jack Cogen made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 20

Thursday, February 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson and Alan Tonks.

Acting Members present: Hon. Paddy Torsney for Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: International Institute for Sustainable Development: David Runnalls, President. *Sierra Club of Canada (B.C. Chapter):* John Bennett, Director, Energy and Atmosphere Campaign. *Natsource:* Jack Cogen, President; Doug Russell, Managing Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part I - Setting the Stage: The Current Situation.

David Runnalls, John Bennett and Jack Cogen made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-25 2:58 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks. Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Carrie for Brian Jean.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Scott Brison, Minister of Public Works and Government Services.

WITNESSES:

Department of Public Works and Government Services:
François Guimond, Associate Deputy Minister;
George Butts, Director General, Acquisition Program Integrity
Secretariat Sector;
Hon. Walt Lastewka, Parliamentary Secretary.

Canadian Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance:
F.S. (Rick) Thomas, President;
Graeme Feltham, General Manager, Regulatory, ATCO Gas;
Gerry MacDonald, Director, NGV Business Development,
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.;
Al Basham, Executive Vice-President, Clean Energy;
Charlie Ker, Director, Government and Industry Affairs, Westport
Innovations Inc..

Rick Thomas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Colin Carrie for Brian Jean.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Scott Brison, Minister of Public Works and Government Services.

Witnesses: Department of Public Works and Government Services: François Guimond, Associate Deputy Minister; George Butts, Director General, Acquisition Program Integrity Secretariat Sector; Hon. Walt Lastewka, Parliamentary Secretary. *Canadian Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance:* F.S. (Rick) Thomas, President; Graeme Feltham, General Manager, Regulatory, ATCO Gas; Gerry MacDonald, Director, NGV Business Development, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.; Al Basham, Executive Vice-President, Clean Energy; Charlie Ker, Director, Government and Industry Affairs, Westport Innovations Inc..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part I - Setting the Stage: The Current Situation.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Rick Thomas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-23 11:01 a.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, February 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Komarnicki for Lee Richardson,
Pierre Poilievre for Lee Richardson,
and Mark Warawa for Bob Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:
Alex Manson, Acting Director General, Climate Change Bureau,
Policy.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency:
Steve Burgess, Executive Director, Special Projects, Regional
Liaison and Guidance.

Department of Natural Resources:
Sheila Riordon, Director General, Energy Policy Branch.

National Energy Board:
Robert Steedman, Professional Leader, Environment.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, February 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Ed Komarnicki for Lee Richardson, Pierre Poilievre for Lee Richardson and Mark Warawa for Bob Mills.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Alex Manson, Acting Director General, Climate Change Bureau, Policy. *Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency:* Steve Burgess, Executive Director, Special Projects, Regional Liaison and Guidance. *Department of Natural Resources:* Sheila Riordon, Director General, Energy Policy Branch. *National Energy Board:* Robert Steedman, Professional Leader, Environment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part I - Setting the Stage: The Current Situation.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Jeff Watson moved, — That the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development request that the federal government appoint the Auditor General to provide external performance audits on environment related government foundations such as Sustainable Development Technology Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

Denis Paradis moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “request” the following: “, after legal and technical advice has been provided to the Committee,”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Denis Paradis and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-25 2:57 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Monday, March 7, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Glen Murray to the position of Chairperson of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy which was referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 17, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Steven John Fletcher for Lee Richardson.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Pat Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESS:

Glen Murray.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for David J. McGuinty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers: Pierre R. Alvarez, President; Rick Hyndman, Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Change. *Canadian Energy Pipeline Association:* David MacInnis, President. *Coal Association of Canada:* Allan Wright, Executive Director; George White, Senior Energy Advisor. *TransAlta Corporation:* Bob Page, Vice President, Sustainable Development; Don Wharton, Director, Offsets and Strategy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

Pierre R. Alvarez, David MacInnis, Allan Wright, Bob Page and Don Wharton made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bob Mills moved, — That, due to the fact Mr. Glen Murray has insufficient experience in environment related fields or study, this committee calls on the Prime Minister to withdraw Mr. Murray's appointment to the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Jeff Watson — 7; NAYS: Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Francis Scarpaleggia, Bryon Wilfert — 4.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-03-08 6:32 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras
Nathan Cullen
Brian Jean
Bob Mills
Hon. Denis Paradis
Yasmin Ratansi
Lee Richardson
Christian Simard
Alan Tonks
Jeff Watson
Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for David J. McGuinty.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:
Pierre R. Alvarez, President;
Rick Hyndman, Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Change.

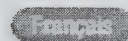
Canadian Energy Pipeline Association:
David MacInnis, President.

Coal Association of Canada:
Allan Wright, Executive Director;
George White, Senior Energy Advisor.

TransAlta Corporation:
Bob Page, Vice President, Sustainable Development;
Don Wharton, Director, Offsets and Strategy.

Pierre R. Alvarez, David MacInnis, Allan Wright, Bob Page and Don Wharton made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for David J. McGuinty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers: Pierre R. Alvarez, President; Rick Hyndman, Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Change. *Canadian Energy Pipeline Association:* David MacInnis, President. *Coal Association of Canada:* Allan Wright, Executive Director; George White, Senior Energy Advisor. *TransAlta Corporation:* Bob Page, Vice President, Sustainable Development; Don Wharton, Director, Offsets and Strategy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

Pierre R. Alvarez, David MacInnis, Allan Wright, Bob Page and Don Wharton made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bob Mills moved, — That, due to the fact Mr. Glen Murray has insufficient experience in environment related fields or study, this committee calls on the Prime Minister to withdraw Mr. Murray's appointment to the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Jeff Watson — 7; NAYS: Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Francis Scarpaleggia, Bryon Wilfert — 4.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-03-08 6:32 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Godbout for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Solar Industries Associations:
Rob McMonagle, Executive Director.

Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc.:
John Keating, CEO.

Canadian Wind Energy Association:
Robert Hornung, President.

Iogen Corporation:
Jeff Passmore, Executive Vice-President.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Marc Godbout for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Solar Industries Associations: Rob McMonagle, Executive Director. *Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc.:* John Keating, CEO. *Canadian Wind Energy Association:* Robert Hornung, President. *Iogen Corporation:* Jeff Passmore, Executive Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Bob Mills moved, — That the Environment Committee report to the House of Commons its decision on the motion of March 8 relating to the appointment of Glen Murray to the National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Jeff Watson, Bryon Wilfert — 9; NAYS: Marc Godbout, Denis Paradis — 2.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, —

1) That the Government of Canada develop skills and competence-related criteria for all government appointments, including Board Members and senior Officers of Crown Corporations and other government agencies, for which the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development has reviewing responsibility; and that this criteria specifically address the non-partisan nature of these appointments.

2) That the Government then submit this criteria to the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development for consideration, and approval with amendment if necessary.

3) That the Government of Canada then publicly release, including publishing in the Canada Gazette, the committee-approved criteria for each appointment.

4) That the names and background of each nominee for appointment be referred to the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development 60 days prior to the date of their appointment, with an explanation of how each nominee has met the established criteria; and, that the Committee, unless it unanimously decides otherwise, shall have at least one full meeting every two months (while the House of Commons is in session) to review the nominees.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-03-22 2:53 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Hydropower Association:

Pierre Fortin, Executive Director;

Pierre Lundhal, Environmental Advisor.

Canadian Renewable Fuels Association:

Kory Teneycke, Executive Director.

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.:

David Teichroeb, Business Development - Fuel Cell Markets.

Canadian Nuclear Association:

Duncan Hawthorne, President.

Pierre Fortin, Kory Teneycke, David Teichroeb and Duncan Hawthorne made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Hydropower Association: Pierre Fortin, Executive Director; Pierre Lundhal, Environmental Advisor. *Canadian Renewable Fuels Association:* Kory Teneycke, Executive Director. *Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.:* David Teichroeb, Business Development - Fuel Cell Markets. *Canadian Nuclear Association:* Duncan Hawthorne, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

Pierre Fortin, Kory Teneycke, David Teichroeb and Duncan Hawthorne made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/24 10:03 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, March 24, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David L. Anderson for Jeff Watson,
Marcel Gagnon for Christian Simard,
and Hon. Judi Longfield for Hon. Denis Paradis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

BIOCAP Canada Foundation:

David Layzell, CEO and Research Director;

Bob Page, Chair, Board of Directors (Vice-President, Sustainable Development, TransAlta Corporation).

Propane Gas Association of Canada:

Bob Cunningham, Managing Director.

Teletrips Inc.:

Scott Fleming, CEO;

Robert Schulz, Professor, Strategy & General Management, Acting Academic Director, Executive MBA Program, Haskayne School of Business.

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:

Russ Holowachuk, Vice President and General Manager;

Clyde Graham, Vice President, Strategy and Alliances.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, March 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: David L. Anderson for Jeff Watson, Marcel Gagnon for Christian Simard and Hon. Judi Longfield for Hon. Denis Paradis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: BIOCAP Canada Foundation: David Layzell, CEO and Research Director; Bob Page, Chair, Board of Directors (Vice-President, Sustainable Development, TransAlta Corporation). *Propane Gas Association of Canada:* Bob Cunningham, Managing Director. *Teletrips Inc.:* Scott Fleming, CEO; Robert Schulz, Professor, Strategy & General Management, Acting Academic Director, Executive MBA Program, Haskayne School of Business. *Canadian Fertilizer Institute:* Russ Holowachuk, Vice President and General Manager; Clyde Graham, Vice President, Strategy and Alliances.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-03-30 12:22 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Crête for Christian Simard,
Hon. Jack Layton for Nathan Cullen,
and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Samy Watson, Deputy Minister;
Cynthia Wright, Director General, Strategic Priorities,
Environmental Protection Service;
Alex Manson, Acting Director General, Climate Change Bureau,
Policy;
Mike Beale, Acting Director General, Economic and Regulatory
Affairs Directorate, Policy Integration.

Samy Watson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Yasmin Ratansi, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Christian Simard, Hon. Jack Layton for Nathan Cullen and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; Cynthia Wright, Director General, Strategic Priorities, Environmental Protection Service; Alex Manson, Acting Director General, Climate Change Bureau, Policy; Mike Beale, Acting Director General, Economic and Regulatory Affairs, Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108, the Committee commenced consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

Samy Watson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development meet on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 to hear testimony from Stewart Elgie of the the University of Ottawa, Matthew Bramley of the Pembina Institute and other witnesses, as the committee sees fit on the subject of the amendments to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act proposed in Bill C-43.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-05 6:36 p.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks. Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Denis Paradis,
Serge Cardin for Christian Simard,
and John Duncan for Lee Richardson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Denis Paradis, Serge Cardin for Christian Simard and John Duncan for Lee Richardson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-06 12:48 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108, the Committee resumed consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Denis Paradis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst;
Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Environmental Law Association:

Paul Muldoon, Executive Director and Counsel.

University of Ottawa:

Stewart Elgie, Professor, Faculty of Law.

Pembina Institute:

Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 4:03 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Denis Paradis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Environmental Law Association: Paul Muldoon, Executive Director and Counsel.
University of Ottawa: Stewart Elgie, Professor, Faculty of Law. *Pembina Institute:* Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108, the Committee resumed consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-07 3:02 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks. Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, April 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Denis Paradis,
Peter Goldring for Lee Richardson,
and Bradley R. Trost for Brian Jean.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Guelph:

Ross R. McKittrick, Associate Professor , Economics.

Simon Fraser University:

Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management.

Canadian Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research Network, North Region:

John Streicker, Manager;

Peter Johnson, Science Advisor.

Ross R. McKittrick, Mark Jaccard and John Streicker made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

Thursday, April 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Yasmin Ratansi, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Denis Paradis, Peter Goldring for Lee Richardson and Bradley R. Trost for Brian Jean.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Guelph: Ross R. McKittrick, Associate Professor , Economics. *Simon Fraser University:* Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management. *Canadian Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research Network, North Region:* John Streicker, Manager; Peter Johnson, Science Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

Ross R. McKittrick, Mark Jaccard and John Streicker made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bob Mills moved, — That the Environment Committee report to the House and the Finance Committee that we recommend the removal of the CEPA section in Bill C-43, the Budget Implementation Act, 2005.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-07 3:04 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108, the Committee resumed consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wajid Khan for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Beth Phinney for Hon. Denis Paradis,
Russ Powers for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi,
Andrew Scheer for Brian Jean,
and David Smith for Hon. Denis Paradis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst;
Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. David Emerson, Minister of Industry.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:
Phil Fontaine, National Chief;
Peigi Wilson.

Phil Fontaine made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Wajid Khan for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Beth Phinney for Hon. Denis Paradis, Russ Powers for Hon. Bryon Wilfert, Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi, Andrew Scheer for Brian Jean and David Smith for Hon. Denis Paradis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. David Emerson, Minister of Industry.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Peigi Wilson.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

Phil Fontaine made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the brief presented by Phil Fontaine be taken as read and published in today's *Evidence*.

At 1:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108, the Committee resumed consideration of the subject-matter of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

Bob Mills moved, — That the draft report be amended, in the first paragraph of the conclusion, by deleting the words "to the use of CEPA".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bob Mills and it was agreed to on division.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's fifth report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the draft report to the House as the Committee's fifth report.

At 1:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-13 2:30 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, April 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Environment, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25; Office of Infrastructure of Canada, Votes 1 and 5; Privy Council, Vote 25, referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
and Paul Crête for Bernard Bigras.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:
Cassie Doyle, Associate Deputy Minister;
Glynnis French, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources and
Service Innovation;
Mike Beale, Acting Director General, Economic and Regulatory
Affairs Directorate, Policy Integration.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency:
Jean-Claude Bouchard, President.

Parks Canada Agency:
Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, from 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Martin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Guest Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Bryon Wilfert and Paul Crête for Bernard Bigras.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Chairing: Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Cassie Doyle, Associate Deputy Minister; Glynnis French, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources and Service Innovation; Mike Beale, Acting Director General, Economic and Regulatory Affairs Directorate, Policy Integration. *Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency:* Jean-Claude Bouchard, President. *Environment Canada Agency:* Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Environment, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25; Office of Infrastructure of Canada, Votes 1 and 5; Privy Council, Vote 25, carried to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 under ENVIRONMENT.

Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 under ENVIRONMENT carried.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 1 and 5 under OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE OF CANADA.

Votes 1 and 5 under OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE OF CANADA carried.

The Chair called Vote 25 under PRIVY COUNCIL.

The Mills moved, — That Vote 25 under PRIVY COUNCIL in the amount of \$ 4,592,000 be reduced by \$ 40,000, less the amount voted in Interim Supply.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Brian Mills, Bob Mills, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Jeff Watson — 5; NAYS: Nathan Cullen, David J. McGuinty, Denis Paradis, Bryon Wilfert — 4.

RESOLVED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 under ENVIRONMENT, Votes 1 and 5 under OFFICE OF INFRASTRUCTURE OF CANADA and Vote 25 under PRIVY COUNCIL, as reduced, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, to the House.

At 11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-19 3:15 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Gas Association:
Michael Cleland, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Forest Products Association of Canada:

Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Paul Lansbergen, Association Secretary, Director, Taxation and
Business Issues.

Sustainable Development Technology Canada:

Vicky J. Sharpe, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

Yves Ducharme, Past president, Mayor, Ville de Gatineau;
Elisabeth Arnold, Director, Centre for Sustainable Community
Development.

Michael Cleland, Avrim Lazar, Vicky J. Sharpe and Yves Ducharme made statements
and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Gas Association: Michael Cleland, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Forest Products Association of Canada:* Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer; Paul Lansbergen, Association Secretary, Director, Taxation and Business Issues. *Sustainable Development Technology Canada:* Vicky J. Sharpe, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Federation of Canadian Municipalities:* Yves Ducharme, Past president, Mayor, Ville de Gatineau; Elisabeth Arnold, Director, Centre for Sustainable Community Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

Michael Cleland, Avrim Lazar, Vicky J. Sharpe and Yves Ducharme made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-21 5:03 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, April 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gord Brown for Jeff Watson,
Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Denis Paradis,
Marcel Gagnon for Bernard Bigras,
and Mario Laframboise for Christian Simard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John Godfrey, Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities).

WITNESSES:

Infrastructure Canada:
André Juneau, Deputy Head;
Cécile Clérout, Assistant Deputy Minister, Program Operations.

Department of Natural Resources:
Graham Campbell, Director General, Office of Energy Research
and Development;
Carolyn Preston, CANMET Energy Technology Centre, Devon,
Alberta;
Mondher BenHassine, Energy Policy Sector;
Bill Pearson, CANMET Energy Technology Centre.

Graham Campbell made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Gord Brown for Jeff Watson, Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Denis Paradis, Marcel Gagnon for Bernard Bigras and Mario Laframboise for Christian Simard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John Godfrey, Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities).

Witnesses: Infrastructure Canada: André Juneau, Deputy Head; Cécile Cléroux, Assistant Deputy Minister, Program Operations. *Department of Natural Resources:* Graham Campbell, Director General, Office of Energy Research and Development; Carolyn Preston, CANMET Energy Technology Centre, Devon, Alberta; Mondher BenHassine, Energy Policy Sector; Bill Pearson, CANMET Energy Technology Centre.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part II - A Lower Carbon Energy Supply.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Graham Campbell made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-22 11:02 a.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
Bob Mills,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for David J. McGuinty.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:

Mark A. Nantais, President.

Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada:

Brian Payne, President;

Keith Newman, Director, Research.

Ducks Unlimited Canada:

Barry Turner, Director, Government Relations;

Rhonda I. McDougal, Research Scientist.

Canadian Auto Workers Union:

Ken Bondy, Coordinator, Health and Safety Fund, Windsor
Regional Office.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for David J. McGuinty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association: Mark A. Nantais, President. *Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada:* Brian Payne, President; Keith Newman, Director. *Ducks Unlimited Canada:* Barry Turner, Director, Government Relations; Rhonda I. McDougal, Research Scientist. *Canadian Auto Workers Union:* Ken Bondy, Coordinator, Health and Safety Fund, Windsor Regional Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part III - Reducing Demand.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:21 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 1:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-05 2:14 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, May 5, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Cement Association of Canada:

François R. Lacroix, President.

Canadian Construction Association:

Michael Atkinson, President.

Canada Green Building Council:

Alex Zimmerman, President.

Net-Zero Energy Home Coalition:

Gordon Shields, Coordinator;

Rob McMonagle, Executive Director, Canadian Solar Industries Association.

Richard Paton, François R. Lacroix, Michael Atkinson, Alex Zimmerman and Gordon Shields made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 37

Thursday, May 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Chemical Producers' Association: Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Cement Association of Canada:* François R. Lacroix, President. *Canadian Construction Association:* Michael Atkinson, President. *Canada Green Building Council:* Alex Zimmerman, President. *Net-Zero Energy Home Coalition:* Gordon Shields, Coordinator; Rob McMonagle, Executive Director, Canadian Solar Industries Association.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part III - Reducing Demand.

Richard Paton, François R. Lacroix, Michael Atkinson, Alex Zimmerman and Gordon Shields made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

On motion of Bob Mills, it was agreed, — That the committee hold a meeting to study the Parks Canada User Fees Proposal, specifically the National Pricing Compendium 2005/06 to 2008/09.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-05 4:04 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
Bob Mills,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

International Emissions Trading Association:

Andrei Marcu, Executive Director;

Bob Page, Vice-President, Sustainable Development, TransAlta Corporation; Director, Board of Directors;

Hugh A. Porteous, Vice-President, Government Relations, Alcan Aluminum Limited.

Department of Natural Resources:

Neil MacLeod, Director General, Office of Energy Efficiency;

Tony Taylor, Director, Transportation Energy Use;

Louis Marmen, Director, Housing and Equipment.

Andrei Marcu, Bob Page, H.A. Porteous and Neil MacLeod made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Bryon Wilfert.

attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: International Emissions Trading Association: Andrei Marcu, Executive Director; Bob Page, Vice-President, Sustainable Development, TransAlta Corporation; Hugh A. Porteous, Vice-President, Government Relations, Alcan Aluminium Limited. *Department of Natural Resources:* Neil MacLeod, Director General, Office of Energy Efficiency; Tony Taylor, Director, Transportation Energy Use; Louis Marmen, Director, Housing and Equipment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Part III - Reducing Demand.

Andrei Marcu, Bob Page, H.A. Porteous and Neil MacLeod made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-10 5:14 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board.

WITNESSES:

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Jamshed Merchant, Economic Sector;
Blair James, Executive Director, Real Property and Material Policy
Directorate.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Johanne G  linas, Commissioner of the Environment and
Sustainable Development;
Neil Maxwell, Principal;
Bob Pelland, Director.

Johanne G  linas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:35 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board.

Witnesses: Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Jamshed Merchant, Economic Sector; Blair James, Executive Director, Real Property and Material Policy Directorate. *Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Neil Maxwell, Principal; Bob Pelland, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Conclusion.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Johanne Gélinas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-18 12:40 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, May 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the User Fees Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras
Nathan Cullen
Brian Jean
David J. McGuinty
Bob Mills
Hon. Denis Paradis
Lee Richardson
Alan Tonks
Jeff Watson
Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst
Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Parks Canada Agency:

Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer
Mike Fay, Chief Administrative Officer
Doug Tapley, Strategic Planning Evaluation.

Town of Banff:

John Stutz, Mayor.

Association for Mountain Parks Protection and Enjoyment (The):

Wanda Bogdane, Executive Director.

Alan Latourelle, John Stutz and Wanda Bogdane made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Witnesses: Parks Canada Agency: Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer; Mike Fay, Chief Administrative Officer; Doug Tapley, Strategic Planning Evaluation. *Town of Banff:* John Stutz, Mayor. *Association for Mountain Parks Protection and Enjoyment (The):* Wanda Bogdane, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the User Fees Act.

Alan Latourelle, John Stutz and Wanda Bogdane made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-27 10:26 a.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Lee Richardson,
Christian Simard,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

PEW Center on Global Climate Change:
Elliot Diringer, Director, International Strategies.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: PEW Center on Global Climate Change: Elliot Diringer, Director, International Strategies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol - Conclusion.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-31 2:58 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Thursday, June 2, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

Thursday, June 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:18 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Bryon Wilfert and Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-06-02 2:08 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-06-07 2:30 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, June 9, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, June 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the committee hold a press conference and that the Chair send a letter to the U.S. Congress regarding the diversion of waters from Devil's Lake in North Dakota, United States into the Sheyenne River and eventually Lake Winnipeg.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk seek information as to the Committee's powers to file an injunction before the International Court of Justice regarding the diversion of waters from Devil's Lake in North Dakota, United States into the Sheyenne River and eventually Lake Winnipeg.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-06-09 4:25 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Johanne Deschamps for Christian Simard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Kristen Douglas, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, June 9, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of the diversion of waters from Devil's Lake in North Dakota, United States into the Sheyenne River and eventually Lake Winnipeg.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the unilateral decision by the State Government of North Dakota to divert waters from Devils Lake into the Sheyenne River and eventually Lake Winnipeg contravenes the Boundary Waters Treaty between Canada and the United States of America;

And whereas, such a contravention would set precedent for future negotiations under the said treaty;

And whereas such negotiations should most properly be reviewed by the International Joint Commission;

And whereas this review has not taken place;

And whereas the Devils Lake Diversion project is scheduled to begin operations in July, 2005;

And whereas the said water diversion may have serious and harmful ecological and economic repercussions in Canada;

Be it resolved that the Standing Committee on the Environment & Sustainable Development urgently calls upon the Government of Canada to immediately exhaust any and all diplomatic and/or legal options available to prevent any water diversion from Devils Lake, North Dakota until the project has been reviewed by the International Joint Commission..

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, June 16, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, June 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:49 a.m. this day, in Room 208 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Denis Paradis, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-06-16 3:04 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Monday, June 20, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Monday, June 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks and Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 4:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-06-21 11:21 a.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:42 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee seek authority to travel to Vancouver from March 28 to April 1, 2006 in relation to the Globe 2006 Conference.

At 1:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-06-21 2:37 p.m.

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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, June 23, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 12:06 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Marcel Gagnon for Christian Simard, Lloyd St. Amand for David J. McGuinty and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Denis Paradis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
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2005-06-23 1:37 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

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Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Other Members present: Wajid Khan and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/28 4:51 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

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Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 3:15 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Christian Simard, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Susan Kadis for David J. McGuinty.

Other Members present: Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Canada's Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed,--That the Committee append to its report dissenting and supplementary opinions, if any, and submit them electronically to the Clerk of the Committee.

It was agreed,--That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed,--That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 4:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/28 5:05 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the 11th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (CoP 11).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Serge Cardin for Christian Simard,
and Bradley R. Trost for Lee Richardson.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Michel Charron, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Cassie J. Doyle, Associate Deputy Minister.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Serge Cardin for Christian Simard and Bradley R. Trost for Lee Richardson.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Michel Charron, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Cassie J. Doyle, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the 11th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (CoP 11).

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-05 2:33 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2005, referred to the Committee on September 29, 2005

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Charron, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

World Wildlife Fund Canada:

Joshua Laughren, Director, Marine Conservation;

Lorne Johnson, Director, Ottawa Bureau.

Joshua Laughren made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Lee Richardson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Denis Paradis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Charron, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: World Wildlife Fund Canada: Joshua Laughren, Director, Marine Conservation; Lorne Johnson, Director, Ottawa Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2005 - Chapter 1, Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Canada's Oceans Management Strategy, referred to the Committee on September 29, 2005.

Joshua Laughren made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-07 11:42 a.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Brian Jean,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Charron, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Charron, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Bob Mills, it was agreed, — That Alan Tonks be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Yasmin Ratansi, it was agreed, — That Lee Richardson be elected first Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Lee Richardson, it was agreed, — That Bernard Bigras be elected second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-20 12:41 p.m.

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Meeting No. 55

Thursday, October 20, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 55

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Serge Cardin, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Charron, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite briefings from the team in charge of Cop 11.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Nuclear Waste Management Organization for an update on its report when it's tabled.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-27 12:23 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Serge Cardin,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for David J. McGuinty.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

International Joint Commission:

Murray Clamen, Secretary, Canadian Section;

Right Hon. Herb Gray, Chairman, Canadian Section.

The Right Honourable Herb Gray made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Serge Cardin, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for David J. McGuinty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: International Joint Commission: Murray Clamen, Secretary, Canadian Section; Right Hon. Herb Gray, Chairman, Canadian Section.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

The Right Honourable Herb Gray made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-26 11:12 a.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks. Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, June 9, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the diversion of waters from Devils Lake in North Dakota, United States, into the Sheyenne River and eventually Lake Winnipeg.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Serge Cardin,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Alan Tonks
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Powers for Hon. Bryon Wilfert,
and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Charron, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

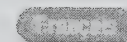
WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs):
Peter Fawcett, Deputy Director, US Relations Division;
William (Bill) Crosbie, Director General, North America Bureau.

Department of the Environment:
John H. Carey, Director General, National Water Research
Institute;
Kevin J. Cash, Chief, Ecological Sciences Division.

William Crosbie made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Serge Cardin, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Alan Tonks and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Russ Powers for Hon. Bryon Wilfert and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Charron, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs): Peter Fawcett, Deputy Director, US Relations Division; William (Bill) Crosbie, Director General, North America Bureau. *Department of the Environment:* John H. Carey, Director General, National Water Research Institute; Kevin J. Cash, Chief, Ecological Sciences Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, June 9, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the diversion of waters from Devils Lake in North Dakota, United States, into the Sheyenne River and eventually Lake Winnipeg.

William Crosbie made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/01 1:56 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the 11th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (CoP 11).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen,
and Russ Powers for Hon. Denis Paradis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

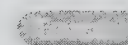
Michel Charron, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Norine Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Climate Affairs;
David Brackett, Special Advisor, Global Climate Affairs.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 58

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen and Russ Powers for Hon. Denis Paradis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Charron, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Norine Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Climate Affairs; David Brackett, Special Advisor, Global Climate Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the 11th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (CoP 11).

Norine Smith and David Brackett made statements and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2005, referred to the Committee on September 29, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Serge Cardin,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Denis Paradis,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Lee Richardson,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

WITNESSES:

David Suzuki Foundation:
Pierre Sadik, Sustainability Specialist.

United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:
Jill Rutter, Director, Strategy and Sustainable Development;
Caroline Season, Senior Policy Analyst.

Jill Rutter and Pierre Sadik made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Serge Cardin, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Denis Paradis, Yasmin Ratansi, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Witnesses: *David Suzuki Foundation:* Pierre Sadik, Sustainability Specialist. *United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:* Jill Rutter, Director, Strategy and Sustainable Development; Caroline Season, Senior Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2005 - Chapter 7, Sustainable Development Strategies, referred to the Committee on September 29, 2005.

Jill Rutter and Pierre Sadik made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development instruct its research staff to produce a briefing in consultation with the office of the Commissioner of the Environment on the Government's response to the Committee's seventh report: Finding the Energy to Act: Reducing Canada's Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

On motion of Brian Jean, it was agreed, — That the Members of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI) travel to Fort McMurray, Alberta for a tour of the oil sands plant sites to see first hand the issues facing the industry and the Community as it relates to Environmental issues.

At 4:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-21 10:31 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, November 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2005, referred to the Committee on September 29, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Serge Cardin,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
Lee Richardson,
Alan Tonks
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for David J. McGuinty,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst;
Michel Charron, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

*Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable
Development:*

Johanne G  linas, Commissioner;
Neil Maxwell, Principal.

The Commissioner made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 60

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Serge Cardin, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for David J. McGuinty and Lloyd St. Amand for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Michel Charron, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development: Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner; Neil Maxwell, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2005 - Chapter 7, Sustainable Development Strategies, referred to the Committee on September 29, 2005.

The Commissioner made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-18 1:38 p.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization Study Report entitled "Choosing a Way Forward: The Future Management of Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel".

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Serge Cardin,
Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Lee Richardson,
Alan Tonks,
Jeff Watson
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Powers for Hon. Denis Paradis,
and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Charron, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Nuclear Waste Management Organization:

Elizabeth Dowdeswell, President;

David Crombie, Chair, Advisory Committee;

Ken Nash, Chair, Board of Directors.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Serge Cardin, Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Lee Richardson, Alan Tonks, Jeff Watson and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

Acting Members present: Russ Powers for Hon. Denis Paradis and Francis Scarpaleggia for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Charron, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Nuclear Waste Management Organization: Elizabeth Dowdeswell, President; David Crombie, Chair, Advisory Committee; Ken Nash, Chair, Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization Study Report entitled "Choosing a Way Forward: The Future Management of Canada's Used Nuclear Fuel".

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-23 11:27 a.m.

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Chair: Alan Tonks, Lib.

Meeting No. 62

Thursday, November 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Expansion of the Nahanni and Waterton Lakes National Parks.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Serge Cardin,
Brian Jean,
David J. McGuinty,
Lee Richardson
and Alan Tonks.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Powers for Yasmin Ratansi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Charron, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Parks Canada Agency:

Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society:

Timothy Feher, Executive Director;

Alison Woodley, Northern Conservation Specialist;

Harvey Locke, Senior Conservation Advisor.

Deh Cho First Nations:

Herb Norwegian, Grand Chief.

Alan Latourelle, Timothy Fether, Alison Woodley and Grand Chief Herb Norwegian made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 62

Thursday, November 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised videoconference session at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Serge Cardin, Brian Jean, David J. McGuinty, Lee Richardson and Alan Tonks.

Acting Members present: Russ Powers for Yasmin Ratansi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Charron, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Parks Canada Agency: Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society:* Timothy Feher, Executive Director; Alison Woodley, Northern Conservation Specialist; Harvey Locke, Senior Conservation Advisor. *Deh Cho First Nations:* Herb Norwegian, Grand Chief.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Expansion of the Nahanni and Waterton Lakes National Parks.

Alan Latourelle, Timothy Fether, Alison Woodley and Grand Chief Herb Norwegian made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-29 1:42 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Steven Blaney,
Hon. Scott Brison,
Nathan Cullen,
Dean Del Mastro,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Chad Mariage, Committee Clerk.



Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Steven Blaney, Hon. Scott Brison, Nathan Cullen, Dean Del Mastro, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

In attendance: House of Commons: Chad Mariage, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Mark Warawa, seconded by Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That Bob Mills be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That Mario Silva be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Marcel Lussier, it was agreed, — That Bernard Bigras be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with the study of Routine Motions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary and a member of the New Democratic Party.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negated on division.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least five members are present, including two members of the opposition.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

It was agreed, — That 24 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

It was agreed on division, — That witnesses be given ten minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated ten minutes for the first questioner of each party; and that thereafter five minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and Opposition parties.

At 4:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 2

Monday, May 8, 2006

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Meeting No. 2

Monday, May 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 4:00 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Steven Blaney, Hon. Scott Brison, Nathan Cullen, Dean Del Mastro, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Associate Members present: Dennis Bevington.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee begin its review of CEPA by requesting briefings from the Department, Industry Groups and NGO's.

It was agreed, — That the Ministers of Environment and Natural Resources be invited to brief the Committee on the Climate Change plan and cuts to programs.

It was agreed, — That officials from the Department of Environment, Natural Resources and from the Treasury Board be invited to brief members on the Climate Change plan and cuts to programs.

At 4:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Steven Blaney,
Nathan Cullen,
Dean Del Mastro,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Pollution Watch:

Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment.

Great Lakes United:

Derek R. Stack, Executive Director, Member of CEN, ENGO
Delegate.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Steven Blaney, Nathan Cullen, Dean Del Mastro, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pollution Watch: Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment. *Great Lakes United:* Derek R. Stack, Executive Director, Member of CEN, ENGO Delegate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee commenced the statutory review of the Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 4

Monday, May 15, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Steven Blaney,
Dean Del Mastro,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Mario Silva
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen,
and Pierre Poilievre for Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Cécile Cléroux, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment
Stewardship Branch;

John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities.

Department of Health:

Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Department of Justice:

Daniel Blasioli, Senior Counsel.

Cécile Cléroux and John Moffet made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Monday, May 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Steven Blaney, Dean Del Mastro, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Mario Silva and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen and Pierre Poilievre for Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Cécile Cléroux, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment Stewardship Branch; John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities. *Department of Health:* Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme. *Department of Justice:* Daniel Blasioli, Senior Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

Cécile Cléroux and John Moffet made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bob Mills, CPC

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Steven Blaney,
Nathan Cullen,
Dean Del Mastro,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Holland for Hon. Scott Brison,
and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Kristen Douglas, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association:

Shannon Coombs, Executive Director.

Mining Association of Canada:

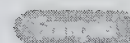
Justyna Laurie-Lean, Vice-President.

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

WITNESSES: SHANNON COOMBS, Executive Director, Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association; JUSTYNA LAURIE-LEAN, Vice-President, Mining Association of Canada; GORDON LLOYD, Vice-President, Technical Affairs, Canadian Chemical Producers' Association.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Steven Blaney, Nathan Cullen, Dean Del Mastro, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Mark Holland for Hon. Scott Brison and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association: Shannon Coombs, Executive Director. *Mining Association of Canada:* Justyna Laurie-Lean, Vice-President. *Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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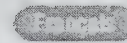
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Chair: Bob Mills, CPC

Meeting No. 6

Monday, May 29, 2006

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Meeting No. 6

Monday, May 29, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Luc Harvey for Dean Del Mastro and Maurice Vellacott for Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the roundtable format be used to hear from witnesses during the Committee's review of CEPA.

At 4:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/30 10:09 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 7

Monday, June 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle for Bernard Bigras.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:
John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities.

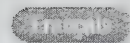
Canadian Environmental Law Association:
Hugh Benevides, Counsel.

Ivey Foundation (Toronto):
Bruce A. Lourie, President.

Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control:
Larry Stoffman, Chair, National Committee on Environmental and
Occupational Exposures, Prevention Action Group.

Hugh Benevides, Bruce A. Lourie and Larry Stoffman made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Monday, June 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Paule Brunelle for Bernard Bigras.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities. *Canadian Environmental Law Association:* Hugh Benevides, Counsel. *Ivey Foundation (Toronto):* Bruce A. Lourie, President. *Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control:* Larry Stoffman, Chair, National Committee on Environmental and Occupational Exposures, Prevention Action Group.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee commenced the statutory review of the Act - Precautionary Principle.

Hugh Benevides, Bruce A. Lourie and Larry Stoffman made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/06 1:57 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 8

Monday, June 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Monday, June 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities. *Department of Health:* Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme. *Statistics Canada:* Robert Smith, Director, Environment Accounts and Statistics. *PollutionWatch:* Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment; Rick Smith, Executive Director, Environmental Defence. *Ontario Medical Association:* Isra G. Levy, Chief Medical Officer and Director, Office of Public Health, Canadian Medical Association; John Wellner, Director, Health Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee commenced the statutory review of the Act - Measuring Success.

Paul Glover, Robert Smith, Kapil Khatter, Rick Smith and Isra G. Levy made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/13 11:23 a.m.

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WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities.

Department of Health:

Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Statistics Canada:

Robert Smith, Director, Environment Accounts and Statistics Division.

PollutionWatch:

Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment;
Rick Smith, Executive Director, Environmental Defence.

Ontario Medical Association:

Isra G. Levy, Chief Medical Officer and Director, Office of Public Health, Canadian Medical Association;
John Wellner, Director, Health Policy.

Paul Glover, Robert Smith, Kapil Khatter, Rick Smith and Isra G. Levy made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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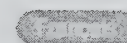
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Pierre Lemieux for Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/14 5:13 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 10

Monday, June 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rodger Cuzner for Pablo Rodriguez,
and Brian Jean for Mark Warawa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

*Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable
Development:*

Johanne G  linas, Commissioner;
John Reed, Principal.

Department of the Environment:

John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities.

Department of Health:

Steve Clarkson, Director, Environmental Contaminants Bureau,
Safe Environments Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer
Safety Branch.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Monday, June 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Rodger Cuzner for Pablo Rodriguez and Brian Jean for Mark Warawa.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development: Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner; John Reed, Principal. *Department of the Environment:* John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities. *Department of Health:* Steve Clarkson, Director, Environmental Contaminants Bureau, Safe Environments Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

Johanne Gélinas and John Reed made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the Vice-Chair, Mario Silva took the Chair.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/20 3:02 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Mark Eyking.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Chad Marriage, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Department of the Environment:

Mary Taylor, Director, Legislative Governance.

McMaster University:

Gail Krantzberg, Professor and Director, Dofasco Centre for Engineering and Public Policy.

McGill University:

Joe Schwarcz, Director, Office for Science and Society.

International POPs Elimination Network:

Jack Weinberg, Senior Policy Advisor.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Mark Eyking.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Chad Marriage, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Department of the Environment: Mary Taylor, Director, Legislative Governance. *McMaster University:*

Gail Krantzberg, Professor and Director, Dofasco Centre for Engineering and Public Policy. *McGill*

University: Joe Schwarcz, Director, Office for Science and Society. *International POPs Elimination*

Network: Jack Weinberg, Senior Policy Advisor.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Nathan Cullen moved, - That because the Minister of the Environment has:

- 1) indicated in Bonn that Canada would not live up to its international obligations under the Kyoto Protocol;
- 2) refused to address the municipal mayors and councilors of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities assembled in Montreal in June, 2006;
- 3) been the first Federal Minister of the Environment to refuse to attend the annual Smog Summit in Toronto;
- 4) refused to appear before this committee in spite of a standing and open invitation;
- 5) tabled no plan for Canada to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions or to address Canada's pollution problems;
- 6) done nothing to stop the regressive cuts to beneficial environmental programs such as Energuide for Houses Retrofit Incentive Program and for Low-Income Households;
- 7) implemented no single measure to conserve or protect Canada's environment to date;

That the Standing Committee of the Environment and Sustainable Development call on the Government of Canada dismiss the Minister of the Environment from her current cabinet position and that this decision be reported to the House.

After debate, the chair ruled that the motion was in order.

Where upon Maurice Vellacott appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question being put by the Chair.

Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained ?

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived on a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

Accordingly, the decision was overruled.

Accordingly, debate on the motion was suspended.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - Measuring Success.

Joe Schwarez, Gail Krantzberg and Jack Weinberg made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Mario Silva, it was agreed, - That the meeting be extended beyond 6:00 p.m.

At 6:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/22 11:29 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, September 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:



Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

PollutionWatch:
Hugh Benevides, Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law
Association;
Fe de Leon, Researcher, Canadian Environmental Law
Association;
Aaron Freeman, Environmental Defence Canada;
Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment.

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:
Clyde Graham, Vice-President, Strategy and Alliances.

Canadian Chemical Producers Association:
Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

Department of Health:
Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Department of the Environment:
John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities.

Gordon Lloyd, Clyde Graham, Hugh Benevides, Fe de Leon and Aaron Freeman made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, September 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. Mark Eyking, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: PollutionWatch: Hugh Benevides, Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association; Fe de Leon, Researcher, Canadian Environmental Law Association; Aaron Freeman, Environmental Defence Canada; Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment. *Canadian Fertilizer Institute:* Clyde Graham, Vice-President, Strategy and Alliances. *Canadian Chemical Producers Association:* Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs. *Department of Health:* Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme. *Department of the Environment:* John Moffet, Acting Director General, Systems and Priorities.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act: Managing substances - Use of the word toxic and the domestic substance list.

Gordon Lloyd, Clyde Graham, Hugh Benevides, Fe de Leon and Aaron Freeman made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/21 3:41 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Marlene Jennings for Pablo Rodriguez,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Mark Eyking.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.
House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Marlene Jennings for Pablo Rodriguez and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Mark Eyking.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Mario Silva, seconded by Jeff Watson, it was agreed, — That Bob Mills be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That Mario Silva be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Marcel Lussier, it was agreed, — That Bernard Bigras be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 9:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 2:07 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Marlene Jennings for Pablo Rodriguez,
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Mark Eyking.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pat Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Pembina Institute:

Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change;
Mark Winfield, Director, Environmental Governance.

Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association:

Shannon Coombs, Executive Director, Representative for
Formulated Products Industry Coalition.

Pollution Watch:

Hugh Benevides, Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law
Association.

University of Ottawa:

Lynda Collins, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law.

Salt Institute of Canada:

Al Hamilton, Chemical Business Manager, Sifto Canada;
Michael Teeter, Consultant, Principal, Hillwatch Inc..

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of Health:

Charles Ethier, Director General, Product Safety Programme.

Matthew Bramley, Mark Winfield, Shannon Coombs, Hugh Benevides, Al Hamilton and Lynda Collins made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. Mark Eyking, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Marlene Jennings for Pablo Rodriguez and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Mark Eyking.

Associate Members present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Pembina Institute: Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change; Mark Winfield, Director, Environmental Governance. *Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association:* Shannon Coombs, Executive Director, Representative for Formulated Products Industry Coalition. *PollutionWatch:* Hugh Benevides, Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association. *University of Ottawa:* Lynda Collins, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law. *Salt Institute of Canada:* Al Hamilton, Chemical Business Manager, Sifto Canada; Michael Teeter, Consultant, Principal, Hillwatch Inc..

Participants present: Department of Health: Charles Ethier, Director General, Product Safety Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act: Managing substances - Use of the word toxic and the domestic substance list.

Matthew Bramley, Mark Winfield, Shannon Coombs, Hugh Benevides, Al Hamilton and Lynda Collins made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 2:08 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2006, referred to the Committee on September 28, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Mark Eyking.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Jean.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Johanne G  linas, Commissioner of the Environment and
Sustainable Development;
Richard Arseneault, Principal;
Kim Leach, Director;
Neil Maxwell, Principal;
David McBain, Director.

Johanne G  linas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Mario Silva, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. Mark Eyking, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Mark Eyking.

Associate Members present: Brian Jean.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Richard Arseneault, Principal; Kim Leach, Director; Neil Maxwell, Principal; David McBain, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2006, referred to the Committee on September 28, 2006.

Johanne Gélinas made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/03 1:54 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, October 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Environmental Agenda.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Stéphane Dion for Hon. Mark Eyking.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia
and Alan Tonks.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;

Sam Banks, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk;

APPEARING:

Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of the Environment.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, October 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Stéphane Dion for Hon. Mark Eyking.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia and Alan Tonks.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of the Environment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Environmental Agenda.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/05 11:59 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Mark Eyking.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Bevington.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Lung Association:

Kenneth H. Maybee, Vice-President;

Barbara M. MacKinnon, Director, Environmental Research, New Brunswick Lung Association.

Dupont Canada:

Judith McKay, General Counsel.

Industry Coordinating Group for CEPA:

Jack Soule, Executive Director.

Environmental Defence Canada:

Aaron Freeman, Director, Policy.

Canadian Environmental Law Association:

Kapil Khatter.

As an Individual:

Michael Teeter, Principal, Hillwatch Inc..

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of the Environment:

Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister,
Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Department of Health:

Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Kenneth H. Maybee, Judith McKay, Jack Soule, Kapil Khatter and Michael Teeter made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. Mark Eyking, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Mark Eyking.

Associate Members present: Dennis Bevington.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Lung Association: Kenneth H. Maybee, Vice-President; Barbara M. MacKinnon, Director, Environmental Research, New Brunswick Lung Association. *Dupont Canada:* Judith McKay, General Counsel. *Industry Coordinating Group for CEPA:* Jack Soule, Executive Director.

Environmental Defence Canada: Aaron Freeman, Director, Policy. *Canadian Environmental Law Association:* Kapil Khatter. *As an individual:* Michael Teeter, Principal, Hillwatch Inc..

Participants present: Department of the Environment: Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Branch. *Department of Health:* Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - Assessment of substances and Managing substances.

Kenneth H. Maybee, Judith McKay, Jack Soule, Kapil Khatter and Michael Teeter made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That the Committee schedule a one hour meeting on the Main Estimates.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Pablo Rodriguez moved, — That proceeding on Bill C-288 commence on Thursday, October 26, 2006.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on division.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/17 12:38 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, October 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras,
and Francis Scarpaleggia for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Environmental Defense (U.S.A.):

Richard A. Denison, Senior Scientist, Washington, D.C. Office.

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

Industry Coordinating Group for CEPA:

Jack Soule, Executive Director.

Clean Production Action:

Beverly Thorpe, International Director.

Environmental Working Group (U.S.A.):

Kenneth Cook, President, Washington, D.C. Office.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of the Environment:

John Arseneau, Director General, Science and Risk Assessment,
Science and Technology Branch.

Department of Health:

Steve Clarkson, Director.

Richard A. Denison, Gordon Lloyd, Jack Soule, Beverly Thorpe and Kenneth Cook made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:35 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nathan Cullen, Hon. Mark Eyking, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras and Francis Scarpaleggia for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Environmental Defense (U.S.A.): Richard A. Denison, Senior Scientist, Washington, D.C. Office. *Canadian Chemical Producers Association:* Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs. *Industry Coordinating Group for CEPA:* Jack Soule, Executive Director. *Clean Production Action:* Beverly Thorpe, International Director. *Environmental Working Group (U.S.A.):* Kenneth Cook, President, Washington, D.C. Office.

Participants present: Department of the Environment: John Arseneau, Director General, Science and Risk Assessment, Science and Technology Branch. *Department of Health:* Steve Clarkson, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - International Activities and Assessment of Substances.

Richard A. Denison, Gordon Lloyd, Jack Soule, Beverly Thorpe and Kenneth Cook made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/19 12:07 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

Great Lakes United:

Derek R. Stack, Executive Director, Member of CEN, ENGO Delegate.

International Joint Commission:

Jim Houston, Environmental Adviser;
Joel Weiner, Senior Advisor.

PollutionWatch:

Hugh Benevides, Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association;
Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of the Environment:

Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister,
Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Department of Health:

Steve Clarkson, Director, Bureau of Risk and Impact Assessment.

Gordon Lloyd, Derek R. Stack, Joel Weiner and Hugh Benevides made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Mario Silva, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst. House of Commons: Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Canadian Chemical Producers' Association: Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs. Great Lakes United: Derek R. Stack, Executive Director, Member of CEN, ENGO Delegate. International Joint Commission: Jim Houston, Environmental Adviser; Joel Weiner, Senior Advisor. PollutionWatch: Hugh Benevides, Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association; Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment.

Participants present: Department of the Environment: Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Branch. Department of Health: Steve Clarkson, Director, Bureau of Risk and Impact Assessment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - Assessment of Substances: Virtual Elimination.

Gordon Lloyd, Derek R. Stack, Joel Weiner and Hugh Benevides made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/24 11:45 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, October 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Marcel Lussier,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Allen for Bob Mills,
Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Mark Eyking,
and Tom Lukiwski for Luc Harvey.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, October 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Mario Silva, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Mike Allen for Bob Mills, Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Mark Eyking and Tom Lukiwski for Luc Harvey.

Associate Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

A point of order was raised regarding the procedural admissibility of the Committee's consideration of Bill C-288.

Tom Lukiwski made a statement.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/26 12:10 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Environment, Votes 1, 5 and 10, referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Mark Eyking,
and Francis Scarpaleggia for Mario Silva.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer;
Craig Ferguson, Director General, Corporate Management
Directorate;
Mr. Hani Mokhtar, Director General, Financial Services
Directorate;
Alex Manson, Acting Director General, Domestic Climate Change
Policy.

Basia Ruta made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. Mark Eyking, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Mark Eyking and Francis Scarpaleggia for Mario Silva.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer; Craig Ferguson, Director General, Corporate Management Directorate; Mr. Hani Mokhtar, Director General, Financial Services Directorate; Alex Manson, A/Director General, Domestic Climate Change Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Environment, Votes 1, 5 and 10, referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Basia Ruta made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pablo Rodriguez moved, — That in relation to its study of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol, the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development begin its study of the bill no later than Thursday, November 2, 2006, proceed to clause by clause study no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2006, and report the bill back to the House no later than Thursday, November 23, 2006.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “begin its study of the bill no later than Thursday, November 2, 2006, proceed to clause by clause study no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2006, and report the bill back to the House no later than Thursday, November 23, 2006.” with the words “begin its study of the Bill after the mandated 5-year review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) is complete or until after the winter break (Christmas recess), whichever comes first”.

The question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 4; NAYS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Mark Eyking, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia — 7.

By unanimous consent, the following motion was moved, — That in relation to its study of Bill C-288,

An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol, the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development begin its study of the bill no later than Thursday, November 2, 2006, proceed to clause by clause study no later than Tuesday, December 5, 2006, and report the bill back to the House no later than Thursday, December 7, 2006.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Mark Eyking, John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 10; NAYS: — 0.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development strongly urge the Minister of the Environment to re-appear before the Committee forthwith to address matters in her testimony on October, 5, 2006, namely: (1) government funds spent on Clean Development Mechanisms (CDMs) and what Canada has received in terms of credits or compliance with the Kyoto Protocol; (2) the rise in consumer energy costs that Canadians would experience if Canada seeks to achieve its Kyoto targets; (3) the impact of C-30 on reducing greenhouse gases; and (4) the relationship between reducing smog and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Mark Eyking, John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 11; NAYS: — 0.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/31 3:30 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, November 2, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymond Bonin for Hon. Mark Eyking,
and Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Mark Eyking.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Raymond Bonin for Hon. Mark Eyking and Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Mark Eyking.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol - Future Business - Work Plan.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development schedule one additional Committee meeting each week until the Christmas Parliamentary break to continue the review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), given that the Committee is mandated to review CEPA every 5 years and given that CEPA is the cornerstone legislation in Canada for the protection of the environment.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 5; NAYS: Bernard Bigras, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva — 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the motion was agreed to.

At 10:32 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/02 12:19 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 23

Monday, November 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Allergy and Environmental Health Association of Quebec:

Michel Gaudet.

Canadian Environmental Law Association:

Kathleen Cooper, Researcher.

Conservation Council of New Brunswick Inc.:

Inka Milewski, Science Advisor.

University of Alberta:

Donald W. Spady, Principal Investigator, Department of Pediatrics.

University of Ottawa:

Daniel Krewski, Professor and Director- McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment, Institute of Population Health;
Michelle Turner, Coordinator- McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment, Institute of Population Health;
Michael Tyshenko, Research Associate - McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment, Institute of Population Health.

Imperial Oil Limited:

Roger Keefe.

Environmental Defence Canada:

Aaron Freeman, Director.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of the Environment:

Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister,
Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Department of Health:

Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Michel Gaudet, Kathleen Cooper, Inka Milewski, Donald Spady, Daniel Krewski, Michelle Turner, Michael Tyshenko, Roger Keefe and Aaron Freeman made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Monday, November 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Allergy and Environmental Health Association of Quebec: Michel Gaudet. *Canadian Environmental Law Association:* Kathleen Cooper, Researcher. *Conservation Council of New Brunswick Inc.:* Inka Milewski, Science Advisor. *University of Alberta:* Donald W. Spady, Principal Investigator, Department of Pediatrics. *University of Ottawa:* Daniel Krewski, Professor and Director- McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment, Institute of Population Health; Michelle Turner, Coordinator- McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment, Institute of Population Health; Michael Tyshenko, Research Associate - McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment, Institute of Population Health. *Imperial Oil Limited:* Roger Keefe. *Environmental Defence Canada:* Aaron Freeman, Director.

Participants present: Department of the Environment: Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Branch. *Department of Health:* Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - Assessment of Substances: Vulnerable Populations and Ecosystems.

Michel Gaudet, Kathleen Cooper, Inka Milewski, Donald Spady, Daniel Krewski, Michelle Turner, Michael Tyshenko, Roger Keefe and Aaron Freeman made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/07 4:29 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.
House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Carleton University:

John Stone, Adjunct Research Professor.

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society:

Ian Rutherford, Executive Director.

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction:

Paul Kovacs, Founder and Executive Director.

University of Quebec at Chicoutimi:

Claude Villeneuve, Biologist.

John Stone, Ian Rutherford, Richard Paton, Paul Kovacs and Claude Villeneuve made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by teleconference at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Carleton University: John Stone, Adjunct Research Professor. *Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society:* Ian Rutherford, Executive Director. *Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer; Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs. *Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction:* Paul Kovacs, Founder and Executive Director. *University of Quebec at Chicoutimi:* Claude Villeneuve, Biologist.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol - Urgency to respond to anthropogenic Climate Change.

John Stone, Ian Rutherford, Richard Paton, Paul Kovacs and Claude Villeneuve made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/08 2:39 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 9, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Francis Scarpaleggia,
and Luc Malo for Bernard Bigras.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

James P. Bruce.

Simon Fraser University:

Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental
Management.

Pollution Probe:

Ken Ogilvie, Executive Director;
Quentin Chiotti, Air Programme Director and Senior Scientist.

TransAlta Corporation:

Bob Page, Vice President, Sustainable Development.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Francis Scarpaleggia and Luc Malo for Bernard Bigras.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: James P. Bruce. *Simon Fraser University:* Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management. *Pollution Probe:* Ken Ogilvie, Executive Director; Quentin Chiotti, Air Programme Director and Senior Scientist. *TransAlta Corporation:* Bob Page, Vice President, Sustainable Development.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol - Economic and social impact of business as usual and action to meet Kyoto obligations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/15 4:27 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 26

Monday, November 20, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Savoie for Nathan Cullen,
and Blair Wilson for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association:
Shannon Coombs, President.

Canadian Environmental Law Association:
Jessica Ginsburg, Counsel;
Kapil Khatter.

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:
Roger L. Larson, President.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of the Environment:
John Arseneau, Director General, Science and Risk Assessment,
Science and Technology Branch.

Department of Health:
Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Shannon Coombs, Jessica Ginsburg and Roger Larson made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Monday, November 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Denise Savoie for Nathan Cullen and Blair Wilson for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association: Shannon Coombs, President. *Canadian Environmental Law Association:* Jessica Ginsburg, Counsel; Kapil Khatter. *Canadian Fertilizer Institute:* Roger L. Larson, President.

Participants present: Department of the Environment: John Arseneau, Director General, Science and Risk Assessment, Science and Technology Branch. *Department of Health:* Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - Assessment of Substances: Information Requirements, Burden of Proof and Disclosure.

Shannon Coombs, Jessica Ginsburg and Roger Larson made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/21 12:03 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Ian Burton, Emeritus Professor, University of Toronto;
David Sauchyn, Research Professor, Prairie Adaptation Research
Collaborative, University of Regina.

Canadian Gas Association:

Michael Cleland, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Renewable Fuels Association:

Kory Teneycke, Executive Director.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: As individuals: Ian Burton, Emeritus Professor, University of Toronto; David Sauchyn, Research Professor, Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative. *Canadian Gas Association:* Michael Cleland, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Renewable Fuels Association:* Kory Teneycke, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol - Mechanisms, Target Setting and Modelling.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Notwithstanding the motion passed on October 31, the Committee, by consent, agreed to report back to the full House by December 12 on Bill C-288.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 11:17 a.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, November 23, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras,
and Jeff Watson for Bob Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Montreal Exchange:

Luc Bertrand, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:

Jayson Myers, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist;

Nancy Coulas, Director, Environmental Policy.

International Institute for Sustainable Development:

John Drexhage, Director, Climate Change and Energy.

Agcert Canada:

Len Eddy, President.

International Emissions Trading Association:

Andrei Marcu, President.

Luc Bertrand, John Drexhage, Jayson Myers, Andrei Marcu and Len Eddy made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, November 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 9:19 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Mario Silva, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras and Jeff Watson for Bob Mills.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Montreal Exchange: Luc Bertrand, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:* Jayson Myers, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist; Nancy Coulas, Director, Environmental Policy. *International Institute for Sustainable Development:* John Drexhage, Director, Climate Change and Energy. *Agcert Canada:* Len Eddy, President. *International Emissions Trading Association:* Andrei Marcu, President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol - International.

Luc Bertrand, John Drexhage, Jayson Myers, Andrei Marcu and Len Eddy made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 11:25 a.m. on November 23, 2006 in Room 208, West Block.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 4:00 p.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, November 23, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Marcel Lussier,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh for Mario Silva,
Nina Grewal for Luc Harvey,
Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras,
and Jeff Watson for Bob Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, November 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:25 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Acting Chair, Blaine Calkins, presiding, by consent of the Committee.

Members of the Committee present: Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh for Mario Silva, Nina Grewal for Luc Harvey, Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras and Jeff Watson for Bob Mills.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development invite the Hon. Stephane Dion to appear before the Committee by Wednesday, November 29, 2006 as a witness for the discussion of Bill C-288.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negated on the following recorded division: YEAS: Nina Grewal, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 4; NAYS: Nathan Cullen, Ujjal Dosanjh, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Christian Ouellet, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia — 7.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development invite the Hon. David Anderson to appear before the Committee by Wednesday, November 29, 2006 as a witness for the discussion of Bill C-288.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negated on the following recorded division: YEAS: Nathan Cullen, Nina Grewal, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 5; NAYS: Ujjal Dosanjh, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Christian Ouellet, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia — 6.

At 11:42 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 4:00 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 30

Monday, November 27, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David J. McGuinty for Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Salt Institute:
Richard Hanneman, President;
Michael Teeter, Consultant.

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:
Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

Sierra Legal Defence Fund - Toronto:
Robert V. Wright, Counsel.

Great Lakes United:
Derek R. Stack, Executive Director.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of the Environment:
Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister,
Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Department of Health:
Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Richard Hanneman, Gordon Lloyd, Robert V. Wright and Derek R. Stack made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Monday, November 27, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: David J. McGuinty for Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Salt Institute: Richard Hanneman, President; Michael Teeter, Consultant. *Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs. *Sierra Legal Defence Fund - Toronto:* Robert V. Wright, Counsel. *Great Lakes United:* Derek R. Stack, Executive Director.

Participants present: Department of the Environment: Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Branch. *Department of Health:* Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - Managing Substances: Implementation and Enforcement.

Richard Hanneman, Gordon Lloyd, Robert V. Wright and Derek R. Stack made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/28 3:20 p.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.
House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Pembina Institute:

Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change.

Sage Centre:

Louise Comeau, Director, Sage Climate Project.

Canadian Council of Chief Executives:

John R. Dillon, Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Nancy Hughes Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Pembina Institute: Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change. *Sage Centre:* Louise Comeau. *Canadian Council of Chief Executives:* John R. Dillon, Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel. *Canadian Chamber of Commerce:* Nancy Hughes Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol - Update on Kyoto.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:09 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/28 3:21 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 32

Monday, December 4, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laurie Hawn for Luc Harvey,
Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Reach for Unbleached Foundation:

Delores Broten, Senior Policy Advisor.

Forest Products Association of Canada:

Catherine Cobden, Vice-President, Environment.

Environmental Education Association of the Yukon:

Gregory Heming, President.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of the Environment:

Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister,
Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Department of Health:

Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Delores Broten, Gregory Heming and Catherine Cobden made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Monday, December 4, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Laurie Hawn for Luc Harvey, Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras and Lloyd St. Amand for Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Reach for Unbleached Foundation: Delores Broten, Senior Policy Advisor. *Forest Products Association of Canada:* Catherine Cobden, Vice-President, Environment. *Environmental Education Association of Yukon:* Gregory Heming.

Participants present: Department of the Environment: Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Branch. *Department of Health:* Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - Cooperation with the Provinces, Territories and Aboriginal Peoples.

Delores Broten, Gregory Heming and Catherine Cobden made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/05 3:21 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Johanne G  linas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:

Pierre R. Alvarez, President;
Rick Hyndman, Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Change.

Greenhouse Emissions Management Consortium:

Aldyen Donnelly, President.

Greenpeace Canada:

Steven Guilbeault, Campaigner, Climate and Energy.

Pembina Institute:

Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Roderick Raphael, Executive Director, Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

Department of the Environment:

Alex Manson, Acting Director General, Domestic Climate Change Policy.

Johanne G  linas, Pierre R. Alvarez, Aldyen Donnelly and Steven Guilbeault made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by videoconference at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development. *Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:* Pierre R. Alvarez, President; Rick Hyndman, Senior Policy Advisor, Climate Change. *Greenhouse Emissions Management Consortium:* Aldyen Donnelly, President. *Greenpeace Canada:* Steven Guilbeault, Campaigner, Climate and Energy. *Pembina Institute:* Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change.

Participants present: Treasury Board Secretariat: Roderick Raphael, Executive Director, Climate Change and Sustainable Development. *Department of the Environment:* Alex Manson, Acting Director General, Domestic Climate Change Policy.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol - Accountability and Provincial Implications.

Johanne Gélinas, Pierre R. Alvarez, Aldyen Donnelly and Steven Guilbeault made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/05 3:38 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, December 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mario Silva,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk;
Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk; Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-288, An Act to ensure Canada meets its global climate change obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of the Preamble and Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair calls Clause 2.

After debate, Clause 2 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 3.

After debate, Clause 3 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

After debate, Clause 4 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

On Clause 5,

Nathan Cullen moved, — That Bill C-288, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 4 the following:

“(iii.1) measures to provide for a just transition for workers affected by greenhouse gas emission reductions, and”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nathan Cullen and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: — 0.

After debate, Clause 5, as amended, carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

On Clause 6,

Bernard Bigras moved, — That Bill C-288, in Clause 6, be amended

(a) by adding after line 32 on page 5 the following:

“(a.1) within the limits of federal constitutional authority, limiting the amount of greenhouse gases that may be released in each province by applying to each province Article 3, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 10 to 12, of the Kyoto Protocol, with any modifications that the circumstances require;”

(b) by adding after line 14 on page 6 the following:

“(2) Despite paragraph (1)(a.1), and for greater certainty, each province may take any measure that it considers appropriate to limit greenhouse gas emissions. ”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bernard Bigras and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 6; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 5.

After debate, Clause 6, as amended, carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

After debate, Clause 7 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 3.

After debate, Clause 8 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

On Clause 9,

Pablo Rodriguez moved, — That Bill C-288, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 7 with the following:

“Protocol, pursuant to subsections 7(1) and (2); and”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pablo Rodriguez and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

After debate, Clause 9, as amended, carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras,

Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7;
NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.[Insert text]

On Clause 10,

Pablo Rodriguez moved, — That Bill C-288, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing lines 32 to 34 on page 7 and lines 1 to 30 on page 8 with the following:

“10. (1) Within 60 days after the Minister publishes a Climate Change Plan under subsection 5(3), or within 30 days after the Minister publishes a statement under subsection 9(2), the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy established by section 3 of the *National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy Act* shall perform the following with respect to the Plan or statement:

(a) undertake research and gather information and analyses on the Plan or statement in the context of sustainable development; and

(b) advise the Minister on issues that are within its purpose, as set out in section 4 of the *National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy Act*, including the following, to the extent that they are within that purpose:

(i) the likelihood that each of the proposed measures or regulations will achieve the emission reductions projected in the Plan or statement,

(ii) the likelihood that the proposed measures or regulations will enable Canada to meet its obligations under Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol, and

(iii) any other matters that the Round Table considers relevant.

(2) The Minister shall

(a) within three days after receiving the advice referred to in paragraph (1)(b) :

(i) publish it in any manner that the Minister considers appropriate, and

(ii) submit it to the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons and the Speakers shall table it in their respective Houses on any of the first three days on which that House is sitting after the day on which the Speaker receives the advice; and

(b) within 10 days after receiving the advice, publish a notice in the *Canada Gazette* setting out how the advice was published and how a copy of the publication may be obtained.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pablo Rodriguez and it was agreed to on division.

After debate, Clause 10, as amended, carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7;
NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

On new Clause 10.1,

Pablo Rodriguez moved, — That Bill C-288 be amended by adding after line 30 on page 8 the following new clause:

“**10.1** (1) At least once every two years after this Act comes into force, up to and including 2012, the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development shall prepare a report that includes

(a) an analysis of Canada’s progress in implementing the Climate Change Plans;

(b) an analysis of Canada's progress in meeting its obligations under Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Kyoto Protocol; and

(c) any observations and recommendations on any matter that the Commissioner considers relevant.

(2) The Commissioner shall publish the report in any manner the Commissioner considers appropriate within the period referred to in subsection (1).

(3) The Commissioner shall submit the report to the Speaker of the House of Commons on or before the day it is published, and the Speaker shall table the report in the House on any of the first three days on which that House is sitting after the Speaker receives it.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pablo Rodriguez and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

After debate, Clause 11 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

After debate, the Short Title carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

After debate, the Preamble carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: — 0.

The Title carried on division.

The question: "Shall the Bill, as amended, carry?" was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Mark Warawa — 3.

The question: "Shall the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House?" was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mario Silva — 7; NAYS: Blaine Calkins, Luc Harvey, Mark Warawa — 3.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-288, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/08 11:01 a.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 35

Monday, December 11, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Environmental Agenda.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fabian Manning for Luc Harvey,
and Jeff Watson for Blaine Calkins.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lloyd St. Amand.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

David J. McGuinty.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of the Environment.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

David McGovern, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs
Branch.

Justin Vaive
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 35

Monday, December 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:33 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Fabian Manning for Luc Harvey and Jeff Watson for Blaine Calkins.

Associate Members present: Lloyd St. Amand.

Other Members present: David J. McGuinty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Rona Ambrose, Minister of the Environment.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: David McGovern, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Environmental Agenda - Follow-up: Clean Development Mechanisms (CDMs); Kyoto Targets and Consumer Energy Costs; Impact of Bill C-30 on Reducing Greenhouse Gases; Relationship between Reducing Smog and Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

The Minister made a statement and, with another witness, answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Committee Clerk

2006/12/12 2:13 p.m.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 36

Monday, December 11, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Ignatieff for Francis Scarpaleggia,
Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Pablo Rodriguez,
and Paul Steckle for Mario Silva.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

PollutionWatch:

Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment.

Canadian Environmental Law Association:

Kathleen Cooper, Senior Researcher.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of the Environment:

Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister,
Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Department of Health:

Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Kathleen Cooper made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 36

Monday, December 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Michael Ignatieff for Francis Scarpaleggia, Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Pablo Rodriguez and Paul Steckle for Mario Silva.

Other Members present: Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: PollutionWatch: Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment. *Canadian Environmental Law Association:* Kathleen Cooper, Senior Researcher.

Participants present: Department of the Environment: Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Branch. *Department of Health:* Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - Interdepartmental Cooperation and Legislative Overlap .

Kathleen Cooper made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/15 10:20 a.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Simms for Mario Silva.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Formulated Products Industry Coalition:
Shannon Coombs.

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:
Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy:
Maureen Carter-Whitney, Research Director;
Anne Mitchell, Executive Director.

As Individuals:
Joe Schwarcz, McGill University;
Gail Krantzberg, McMaster University.

PollutionWatch:
Aaron Freeman, Environmental Defence Canada;
Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment.

Salt Institute of Canada:
Michael Teeter, Consultant.

Save the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition:
Anna Tilman, Chair.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Department of the Environment:
John Moffet, Acting Director General.

Department of Health:
Steve Clarkson, Director, Bureau of Risk and Impact Assessment.

Shannon Coombs, Gordon Lloyd, Maureen Carter-Whitney, Anne Mitchell, Joe Schwarcz, Gail Krantzberg, Aaron Freeman, Kapil Khatter, Michael Teeter and Anna Tilman made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Scott Simms for Mario Silva.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Justin Vaive, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Formulated Products Industry Coalition: Shannon Coombs. *Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs. *Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy:* Maureen Carter-Whitney, Research Director; Anne Mitchell, Executive Director. *As individuals:* Joe Schwarcz, McGill University; Gail Krantzberg, McMaster University. *PollutionWatch:* Aaron Freeman, Environmental Defence Canada; Kapil Khatter, Director, Health and Environment. *Salt Institute of Canada:* Michael Teeter, Consultant. *Save the Oak Ridges Moraine Coalition:* Anna Tilman.

Participants present: Department of the Environment: John Moffet, Acting Director General. *Department of Health:* Steve Clarkson, Director, Bureau of Risk and Impact Assessment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act - Final Roundtable.

Shannon Coombs, Gordon Lloyd, Maureen Carter-Whitney, Anne Mitchell, Joe Schwarcz, Gail Krantzberg, Aaron Freeman, Kapil Khatter, Michael Teeter and Anna Tilman made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/12 2:14 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, January 30, 2007



ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;

Ronald Thompson, Assistant Auditor General of Canada.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:18 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronald Thompson, Assistant Auditor General of Canada.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to the planning of future business.

The Committee agreed that members send their suggestions to the Chair

At 12:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

CORRIGENDUM

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Changes following a motion on January 31, 2007, to make public part of the *in camera* proceedings.

2007/02/01 5:05 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a Vice-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Reporting Strategies, Office of the Auditor General.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Other Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of a Vice-Chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the first Vice-Chair.

Anthony Rota moved, — That Hon. Geoff Regan be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Reporting Strategies, Office of the Auditor General.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That the *in camera* testimony from Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada, provided at the January 30, 2007 meeting of the Standing Committee of the Environment and Sustainable Development, be made public.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/01 5:09 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 40

Monday, February 5, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 40

Monday, February 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Other Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

David J. McGuinty moved, — That this committee call upon the government to bring forward legislation to strengthen the role of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development by:

- making the Commissioner a full and independent Agent of Parliament (“Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development”) reporting to Parliament directly through the Speakers of both the House of Commons and the Senate;
- clearly affirming and appropriately circumscribing the duty of the Office of the Commissioner to advocate on environmental and sustainable development issues;
- requiring that the appointment of a Commissioner be approved by both the House and the Senate;
- ensuring that a funding mechanism at arm’s length from the government be established for the Office of the Commissioner;
- protecting the right of the Commissioner to name the Office’s staff, including environmental auditors, without government influence;
- that the Committee adopt these recommendations as a report to the House and that the Chair present this Report to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That the Committee defer consideration of the motion until the next meeting.

At 4:29 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/06 1:48 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, February 8, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Strengthening the role of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development:

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Crête for Bernard Bigras.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and
Sustainable Development.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, February 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Bernard Bigras.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Strengthening the role of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/09 11:07 a.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 42

Monday, February 12, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Strengthening the role of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Blaine Calkins,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

L. Denis Desautels, Former Auditor General of Canada;
Glen Toner, Member, Panel of Advisors, Office of the
Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Monday, February 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Blaine Calkins, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: L. Denis Desautels, Former Auditor General of Canada; Glen Toner, Member, Panel of Advisors, Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Strengthening the role of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/21 2:27 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 43

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Meeting No. 43

Monday, February 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia and Maurice Vellacott.

Acting Members present: Steven Blaney for Mark Warawa and Ken Epp for Mike Allen.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/20 10:13 a.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, February 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/22 4:38 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: Geoff Regan.

Meeting No. 45

Monday, February 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Strengthening the role of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Bob Mills,
Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen,
and Chris Warkentin for Mike Allen.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Dyane Adam, Former Commissioner of Official Languages.

Privy Council Office:

Patrick Hill, Director, Strategic Policy, Machinery of Government;
Roberta Santi, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Machinery of
Government.

*Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment for New
Zealand:*

Morgan Williams, Parliamentary Commissioner for the
Environment.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Monday, February 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised videoconference session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Geoff Regan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Bob Mills, Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen and Chris Warkentin for Mike Allen.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Dyane Adam, Former Commissioner of Official Languages. *Privy Council Office:* Patrick Hill, Director, Strategic Policy, Machinery of Government; Roberta Santi, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Machinery of Government. *Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment for New Zealand:* Morgan Williams, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Strengthening the role of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of David J. McGuinty, — That this committee call upon the government to bring forward legislation to strengthen the role of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development by:

- making the Commissioner a full and independent Agent of Parliament (“Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development”) reporting to Parliament directly through the Speakers of both the House of Commons and the Senate;
- clearly affirming and appropriately circumscribing the duty of the Office of the Commissioner to advocate on environmental and sustainable development issues;
- requiring that the appointment of a Commissioner be approved by both the House and the Senate;
- ensuring that a funding mechanism at arm’s length from the government be established for the Office of the Commissioner; and

- protecting the right of the Commissioner to name the Office's staff, including environmental auditors, without government influence.

And that the Committee adopt these recommendations as a report to the House and that the Chair present this Report to the House.

The debate continued.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a supplementary opinion from the Conservative Party provided that it is no more than one page in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 5:00 p.m., on February 28, 2007.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/27 12:54 p.m.

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Vice-Chair: Geoff Regan.

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, March 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee [commenced / resumed] the statutory review of the Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Catherine Bell for Nathan Cullen,
Patricia Davidson for Bob Mills,
Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen,
and Hon. John Godfrey for Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, March 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Geoff Regan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Catherine Bell for Nathan Cullen, Patricia Davidson for Bob Mills, Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen and Hon. John Godfrey for Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

David J. McGuinty moved, — That with regard to a Committee study of the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year 2006-2007, the Minister of the Environment be invited to appear.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 11:40 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That the Government of Canada bring forth an action plan addressing the recommendations made in the 2006 climate change report by the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/01 3:56 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 1, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-298, An Act to add perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) to the Virtual Elimination List under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 31, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-307, An Act to prohibit the use of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in certain products and to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,

Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Commonweal:

Charlotte Brody, Executive Director.

Canadian Blood Services / Héma-Québec:

Mindy Goldman.

Mood Disorders Society of Canada:

Phil Upshall, National Executive Director.

Environmental Defence Canada:

Kapil Khatter.

Department of the Environment:

Greg Carreau, Commercial Chemicals Formulation;
Robert Chénier, Manager, Assessment Section, Existing
Substances Division;
John Moffet, Acting Director General, Legislation and Regulatory
Affairs, Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Department of Health:

Steve Clarkson, Associate Director General, Safe Environments
Programme;
Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme;
Roland Rotter, Director, Medical Devices Bureau, Therapeutic
Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;
Stephen Lucas, Director General, Policy, Planning and
International Affairs Directorate, Health Products and Food
Branch;
Robert Ianaro, Acting Director, Consumer Product Safety Bureau.

Kapil Khatter and John Moffet made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Phil Upshall, Charlotte Brody, Mindy Goldman, Kapil Khatter and Paul Glover made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Commonweal: Charlotte Brody, Executive Director. *Canadian Blood Services / Héma-Québec:* Mindy Goldman. *Mood Disorders Society of Canada:* Phil Upshall, National Executive Director. *Environmental Defence Canada:* Kapil Khatter. *Department of the Environment:* Greg Carreau, Commercial Chemicals Formulation; Robert Chénier, Manager, Assessment Section, Existing Substances Division; John Moffet, Acting Director General, Legislation and Regulatory Affairs, Environmental Stewardship Branch. *Department of Health:* Steve Clarkson, Associate Director General, Safe Environments Programme; Paul Glover, Director General, Safe Environments Programme; Roland Rotter, Director, Medical Devices Bureau, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Stephen Lucas, Director General, Policy, Planning and International Affairs Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Robert Ianaro, Acting Director, Consumer Product Safety Bureau.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 1, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-298, An Act to add perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) to the Virtual Elimination List under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

Kapil Khatter and John Moffet made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 31, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-307, An Act to prohibit the use of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in certain products and to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

Phil Upshall, Charlotte Brody, Mindy Goldman, Kapil Khatter and Paul Glover made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:42 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:44 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

David J. McGuinty moved, — That, in light of the very short timelines available to committees to study the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year 2006-2007, the Minister of the Environment be invited to appear on Thursday, March 22, 2007, with regard to a review under section 108(2) of the Standing Orders of the expenditure plans of the department for the fiscal year 2006-2007, and the effectiveness of their implementation.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia — 7; NAYS: Mike Allen, Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa — 4.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/23 5:39 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, March 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on March 20, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Department's expenditure plans contained in the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2006-2007 and the effectiveness of their implementation.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey for Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John Baird, Minister of the Environment.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer;
Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 48

Thursday, March 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Hon. John Godfrey for Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John Baird, Minister of the Environment.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer; Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister.

The Committee agreed to proceed immediately to the consideration of its study of the Department's expenditure plans contained in the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2006-2007 and the effectiveness of their implementation, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on March 20, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of the Department's expenditure plans contained in the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2006-2007 and the effectiveness of their implementation.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/22 3:09 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 49

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Anthony Rota,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 49

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:16 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Anthony Rota, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee present a report to the House to request that the deadline provided for in Standing Order 97.1(1) to report Bill C-298 to the House be extended for an additional thirty sitting days.

It was agreed, — That the Committee present a report to the House to request that the deadline provided for in Standing Order 97.1(1) to report Bill C-307 to the House be extended for an additional thirty sitting days.

At 3:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/29 1:55 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

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Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Luc Malo for Bernard Bigras.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:44 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 19, 2007

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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Don H. Bell for David J. McGuinty, Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey for Francis Scarpaleggia and Daniel Petit for Luc Harvey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bob Mills.

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Tuesday, April 24, 2007

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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Hon. John Godfrey for Francis Scarpaleggia, Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for David J. McGuinty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 343 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Committee resumed the statutory review of the Act.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: *The Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 — Five-Year Review: Closing the Gaps*.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting or supplementary opinion from the Bloc Québécois provided that it is no more than 12 pages in length and is submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 26, 2007.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a press conference to be held after the tabling of the Committee's report to the House on *The Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 — Five-Year Review: Closing the Gaps*; and that Committee be represented by the Chair and a representative from each party.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/27 9:06 a.m.

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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, April 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 31, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-307, An Act to prohibit the use of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in certain products and to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Fast for Luc Harvey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Vinyl Council of Canada:

Marion E. Axmith, Director General.

Baxter Healthcare Corporation:

Jon Cammack, Vice-President, Technology Resources.

Canada's Medical Device Technology Companies (MEDEC):

Stephen Dibert, President.

American Chemistry Council:

Marian K. Stanley, Manager, Phthalate Esters Panel.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Ed Fast for Luc Harvey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Vinyl Council of Canada: Marion E. Axmith, Director General. *Baxter Healthcare Corporation:* Jon Cammack, Vice-President, Technology Resources. *Canada's Medical Device Technology Companies (MEDEC):* Stephen Dibert, President. *American Chemistry Council:* Marian K. Stanley, Manager, Phthalate Esters Panel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-307, An Act to prohibit the use of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in certain products and to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/26 2:24 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 31, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-307, An Act to prohibit the use of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in certain products and to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;

Sam Banks, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Sue Milburn-Hopwood, Director, Risk Management Bureau.

Department of Justice:

Mr. Jean-Sébastien Rochon, Counsel.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Sue Milburn-Hopwood, Director, Risk Management Bureau.

Department of Justice: Mr. Jean-Sébastien Rochon, Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-307, An Act to prohibit the use of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in certain products and to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

On Clause 2,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-307, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 6 and 7 on page 1 with the following:

2. The Governor in Council shall, within 12 months after the coming into force of this Act, make regulations under subsection 30(1) of the *Food and Drugs Act* respecting cosmetics that contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate.

Debate arose thereon.

Jean-Sébastien Rochon answered questions.

RULING BY THE CHAIR

The amendment proposes to replace Clause 2 in its entirety and establish a framework for making regulations under subsection 30(1) of the *Food and Drugs Act* respecting cosmetics that contain bis(2-

ethylhexyl)phthalate.

Clause 2 is the interpretation section of Bill C-307 and provides a definition for the term “Minister”. The amendment does not propose to amend this definition and is not relevant to Clause 2.

As House of Commons Procedure and Practice states on page 654:

“An amendment to a bill that was referred to committee after second reading is out of order if it is beyond the scope and principle of the bill.”

In the opinion of the Chair, the introduction of a framework for regulation making in this amendment is a new concept that is beyond the scope of Bill C-307 and is therefore inadmissible.

Clause 2 was negated by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 4.

On Clause 3,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-307, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 1 to line 17 on page 2 with the following:

3. The Governor in Council shall, within 12 months after the coming into force of this Act, make an order under section 6 of the *Hazardous Products Act* to add to Part I of Schedule I to that Act products whose reasonably foreseeable use involves the product being brought into contact with the mouth of a child of less than three years of age and that contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 11:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 2:49 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 3, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 31, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-307, An Act to prohibit the use of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in certain products and to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Blaney for Mike Allen,
Hon. John Godfrey for Anthony Rota,
and Brian Storseth for Mike Allen.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Bevington.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Blaney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Sue Milburn-Hopwood, Director;
Supriya Sharma, Acting Director General, Therapeutic Products
Directorate.

Department of Justice:

Mr. Jean-Sébastien Rochon, Counsel.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Steven Blaney for Mike Allen, Hon. John Godfrey for Anthony Rota and Brian Storseth for Mike Allen.

Associate Members present: Dennis Bevington.

Other Members present: Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Sue Milburn-Hopwood, Director; Supriya Sharma, Acting Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate. *Department of Justice:* Mr. Jean-Sébastien Rochon, Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 31, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-307, An Act to prohibit the use of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP) and di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP) in certain products and to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Mark Warawa, — That Bill C-307, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 20 on page 1 and lines 1 to 17 on page 2 with the following:

“3. The Governor in Council shall, within 12 months after the coming into force of this Act, make an order under section 6 of the *Hazardous Products Act* to add to Part I of Schedule I to that Act products whose reasonably foreseeable use involves the product being brought into contact with the mouth of a child of less than three years of age and that contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 3 was allowed to stand.

On new Clause 2.1,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-307 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 1 the following

new clause:

“2.1 For the purpose of this Act, a product or device shall not be considered to contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, benzyl butyl phthalate or dibutyl phthalate if the amount of that phthalate in the product or device is less than 0.1% of the product’s or device’s mass.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

On new Clause 2.2

Nathan Cullen moved, — That Bill C-307 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 1 the following new clause:

“2.2 In the administration of this Act, the Government of Canada shall apply the precautionary principle that, where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.”

Debate arose thereon.

Geoff Regan moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding the words “adverse health impacts or” after the word “prevent”.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Geoff Regan and it was agreed to.

The question was put on the amendment of Nathan Cullen, as amended, and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Mark Warawa previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-307, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 20 on page 1 and lines 1 to 17 on page 2 with the following:

“3. The Governor in Council shall, within 12 months after the coming into force of this Act, make an order under section 6 of the *Hazardous Products Act* to add to Part I of Schedule I to that Act products whose reasonably foreseeable use involves the product being brought into contact with the mouth of a child of less than three years of age and that contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-307, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 20 on page 1 and lines 1 to 17 on page 2 with the following:

“3. Within 12 months after the coming into force of this Act, the Minister of Health shall, taking into account the precautionary principle set out in section 2.2, recommend to the Governor in Council that regulations be made under subsection 30(1) of the *Food and Drugs Act* respecting cosmetics that contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, and the Governor in Council shall, within that period, make the regulations.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

Clause 3, as amended, carried.

On new Clause 3.1,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-307 be amended by adding after line 17 on page 2 the following new clause:

“3.1 Within 12 months after the coming into force of this Act, the Minister of Health shall, taking into account the precautionary principle set out in section 2.2, recommend to the Governor in Council that an order be made under section 6 of the *Hazardous Products Act* to add to Part I of Schedule I to that Act products whose use involves the product being brought into contact with the mouth of a child of less than three years of age and that contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, and the Governor in Council shall, within that period, make the order.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

On new Clause 3.2,

Nathan Cullen moved, — That Bill C-307 be amended by adding after line 17 on page 2 the following new clause:

“3.2 Regulations made under paragraph 3 shall not come into force until three years after the day on which they are made.

(2) After the coming into force of the regulations made under paragraph 3(c), the Governor in Council may grant a three-year exemption for medical devices under subparagraph 3(c)(ii) if it can be shown that there is no alternative available on the market

(a) that meets the required technical specifications for use;

(b) whose cost per unit does not exceed by more than 20% the cost per unit of the medical device currently in use; or

(c) that has been approved for safe use in Canada or another jurisdiction.

(3) The rationale on which a decision is made under subsection (2) shall be transparent and publicly available.”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That Bill C-307 be amended by adding after line 17 on page 2 the following new clause:

“3.2 The Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Health shall, within 12 months after the coming into force of this Act, reassess benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and dibutyl phthalate (DBP) under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*. The reassessment shall include the level of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and dibutyl phthalate (DBP) in consumer products and cosmetics and the cumulative effects of benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and dibutyl phthalate (DBP).”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nathan Cullen and it was negatived, by a show

of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-307 be amended by adding after line 17 on page 2 the following new clause:

“3.2 The Minister of Health shall

(a) within three months after the coming into force of this Act, finalize the Department of Health’s position paper on bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate in medical devices;

(b) within 12 months after the coming into force of this Act, publish a document concerning the labelling that is necessary to comply with the requirements of the *Medical Devices Regulations* in relation to the risks inherent in medical devices that contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate;

(c) within 24 months after the coming into force of this Act, require the labelling of medical devices that contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate;

(d) facilitate the drafting by health professionals associations and hospital associations of clinical practice guidelines respecting the use of medical devices that contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate and to have the drafting of those guidelines completed within 33 months after the coming into force of this Act;

(e) within 18 months after the coming into force of this Act, prepare a list of medical devices that do not contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate that are sold in or imported into Canada; and

(f) consider for priority review, applications for medical devices licences where information obtained during the application process discloses that the medical devices do not contain bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate.”

Debate arose thereon.

Bernard Bigras moved, — That the amendment be amended by deleting paragraph (d).

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Bernard Bigras and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 9.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding in paragraph (e) after the word “Canada” the following:

“and list the DEHP-containing medical devices these devices can replace ”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Nathan Cullen and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

On new Clause 3.3,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-307 be amended by adding after line 17 on page 2 the following new clause:

“3.3 The Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Health shall, within 24 months after the coming into force of this Act, have completed a reassessment, under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*, benzyl butyl phthalate and dibutyl phthalate. The re-assessment shall include a consideration of their exposure through the use of consumer products, including cosmetics, and a consideration of the cumulative effects of those phthalates on humans.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

Clause 4 was negatived.

On Title,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-307 be amended by replacing the long title on page 1 with the following:

“An Act respecting bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, benzyl butyl phthalate and dibutyl phthalate”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

The Title, as amended, carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-307, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 1:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/08 3:47 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Coal Bed Methane.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Ernst Environmental Services:

Jessica Ernst, Environmental Specialist.

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:

David Pryce, Vice-President, Western Canada Operations.

Pine Lake Surface Rights Action Group:

Robert Schwartz, Director.

Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas:

Cam Cline, Engineer;

Mark Dubord, Hydrogeologist.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Ernst Environmental Services: Jessica Ernst, Environmental Specialist. *Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:* David Pryce, Vice-President, Western Canada Operations. *Pine Lake Surface Rights Action Group:* Robert Schwartz, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Coal Bed Methane.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That a Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the Parliamentary Secretary, and the critics from the three opposition parties.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/09 11:48 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 10, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 1, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-298, An Act to add perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) to the Virtual Elimination List under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Maria Minna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

James Van Loon, Manager, Policy and Planning, Regulatory
Innovation and Management Systems, Legislative and Regulatory
Affairs Directorate, Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Department of Justice:

Daniel Blasioli, Senior Counsel.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

Other Members present: Hon. Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: James Van Loon, Manager, Policy and Planning, Regulatory Innovation and Management Systems, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Directorate, Environmental Stewardship Branch. *Department of Justice:* Daniel Blasioli, Senior Counsel.

On motion of David J. McGuinty, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to the next item on the agenda.

At 11:13 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads as follows, be concurred in:

1. That, on May 10, the Committee consider clause by clause study of Bill C-298.
2. That, on May 15, the Committee hold a meeting on the subject of Carbon Sequestration.
3. That, on May 16 and May 17, the Committee proceed to its study of the government's climate change plan - entitled "Turning the Corner", and that the Committee invite officials, in writing, from Environment Canada, Finance Canada, Natural Resources Canada and Health Canada.
4. That, on May 29, the Minister of the Environment appear to discuss the Main Estimates and the government's climate change plan - entitled "Turning the Corner"
5. That, on May 31, the Committee begin consideration of Bill C-377..

At 11:29 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 1, 2006, the Committee commenced

consideration of Bill C-298, An Act to add perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) to the Virtual Elimination List under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2 was allowed to stand.

Mark Warawa made a statement.

Maria Minna made a statement.

On Clause 3,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-298, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 18 to 22 on page 1 and lines 1 to 12 on page 2 with the following:

“3. (1) The Ministers shall, within nine months after the coming into force of this Act, make a regulation to add perfluorooctane sulfonate and its salts to the Virtual Elimination List compiled under subsection 65(2) of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*.

(2) The Ministers are not required to specify in the regulation referred to in subsection (1) the level of quantification for perfluorooctane sulfonate or its salts, despite subsection 65(2) of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*.

(3) If the Ministers specify in the Virtual Elimination List the level of quantification for perfluorooctane sulfonate or its salts, the Ministers are not required to make the regulation described in subsection 65(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

Clause 3, as amended, carried.

The Committee reverted to Clause 2 previously stood.

On Clause 2,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-298, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 6 to 17 on page 1 with the following:

“2. In this Act, “Ministers” means the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Health.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

On Short Title,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-298, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 4 on page 1 with the following:

“1. Loi sur la quasi-élimination du sulfonate”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

The Short Title, as amended, carried.

On Title,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-298 be amended by replacing the long title on page 1 with the following:

“An Act to add perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and its salts to the Virtual Elimination List under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

The Title, as amended, carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-298, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 11:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/11 4:12 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
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Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Carbon Sequestration.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

EnCana Corporation:

Dave Hassan, Former Vice-President, Weyburn Operations.

As Individuals:

David Keith, Professor, University of Calgary;
Malcolm Wilson, Professor, University of Regina.

Climate Change Central:

Simon Knight, Chief Executive Officer.

NOVA Chemicals Corporation:

Mark Lesky, Director, Environment;
Grant Thomson, Senior Vice-President, Olefins and Feedstocks.

Department of Natural Resources:

Carolyn Preston, Project Integrator, CANMET Energy Technology
Centre, Devon, Alberta;
Bill Reynen, Director, Science and Technology, Clean Electric
Power Generation.

Department of the Environment:

Mark Tushingham, Senior Engineering Advisor.

Simon Knight, Grant Thomson, Dave Hassan, David Keith, Malcolm Wilson, Mark
Tushingham and Carolyn Preston made statements and, with the other witnesses,
answered questions.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by teleconference at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: EnCana Corporation: Dave Hassan, Former Vice-President, Weyburn Operations. *As individuals:* David Keith, Professor, University of Calgary; Malcolm Wilson, Professor, University of Regina. *Climate Change Central:* Simon Knight, Chief Executive Officer. *NOVA Chemicals Corporation:* Mark Lesky, Director, Environment; Grant Thomson, Senior Vice-President, Olefins and Feedstocks. *Department of Natural Resources:* Carolyn Preston, Project Integrator, CANMET Energy Technology Centre, Devon, Alberta; Bill Reynen, Director, Science and Technology, Clean Electric Power Generation. *Department of the Environment:* Mark Tushingham, Senior Engineering Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Carbon Sequestration.

Simon Knight, Grant Thomson, Dave Hassan, David Keith, Malcolm Wilson, Mark Tushingham and Carolyn Preston made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/15 2:13 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 59

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the government's climate change plan - entitled "Turning the Corner".

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen,
and Hon. John Godfrey for Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.
Department of Natural Resources:
Carol Buckley, Director General.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:
Mike Beale, Director General, Strategic Priorities, Environmental
Stewardship Branch;
Cécile Cléroux, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment
Stewardship Branch;
Alex Manson, Special Advisor, Climate Change Policy, Strategic
Policy Branch.

Department of Natural Resources:
Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy
Sector.

Cécile Cléroux and Howard E. Brown made statements and, with the other witnesses,
answered questions.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 59

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen and Hon. John Godfrey for Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *Department of Natural Resources:* Carol Buckley, Director General.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Mike Beale, Director General, Strategic Priorities, Environmental Stewardship Branch; Cécile Clérout, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment Stewardship Branch; Alex Manson, Special Advisor, Climate Change Policy, Strategic Policy Branch. *Department of Natural Resources:* Howard E. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Policy Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the government's climate change plan - entitled "Turning the Corner".

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Cécile Clérout and Howard E. Brown made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/17 4:30 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, May 17, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the government's climate change plan - entitled "Turning the Corner".

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua for Hon. Geoff Regan,
and Hon. John Godfrey for Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Phil Blagden, Acting Manager, Air Health Effects Division,
Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;
Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments
and Consumer Safety Branch;
Jacinthe Séguin, Manager, Climate Change and Health Office,
Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch.

Department of Finance:

Denis Gauthier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic
Development and Corporate Finance;
James Green, Chief, Resource and Environmental Taxation
Section, Tax Policy Branch;
Benoit Robidoux, Director, Economic Studies and Policy Analysis
Division;
Paul Rochon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal
Policy Branch;
Alex Lessard, Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy
Branch;
Richard Botham, Director, Microeconomic Policy Analysis,
Resources, Energy and Environment, Economic Development and
Corporate Finance.

Denis Gauthier and Susan Fletcher made statements and, with the other witnesses,
answered questions.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua for Hon. Geoff Regan and Hon. John Godfrey for Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Phil Blagden, Acting Manager, Air Health Effects Division, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Jacinthe Ségin, Manager, Climate Change and Health Office, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch. *Department of Finance:* Denis Gauthier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic Development and Corporate Finance; James Green, Chief, Resource and Environmental Taxation Section, Tax Policy Branch; Benoit Robidoux, Economic Studies and Policy Analysis Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch; Paul Rochon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch; Alex Lessard, Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Richard Botham, Director, Microeconomic Policy Analysis, Resources, Energy and Environment, Economic Development and Corporate Finance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the government's climate change plan - entitled "Turning the Corner".

Denis Gauthier and Susan Fletcher made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/24 6:02 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 under ENVIRONMENT, referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the government's climate change plan - entitled "Turning the Corner".

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

Other Members present: Paul Dewar.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 under ENVIRONMENT, referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the government's climate change plan - entitled "Turning the Corner".

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/29 2:47 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Geoff Regan.

Meeting No. 62

Thursday, May 31, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 25, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey for Francis Scarpaleggia,
Brian Jean for Bob Mills,
and Pablo Rodriguez for Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 62

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Geoff Regan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Geoff Regan, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Hon. John Godfrey for Francis Scarpaleggia, Brian Jean for Bob Mills and Pablo Rodriguez for Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 25, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That members of the Committee provide witness suggestions to the Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 to discuss the above matter.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed on division, — That the sitting be suspended for 5 minutes.

At 12:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

David J. McGuinty moved, — That as part of the Main Estimates, the Committee invite departmental officials from Environment Canada and Treasury Board Secretariat to appear at committee on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 to discuss the government's climate change spending for 2006-2007 and anticipated spending for 2007-2008.

Debate arose thereon.

Bernard Bigras moved, — That the proposed date of Tuesday, June 5, 2007 be changed to Thursday, June 7, 2007.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the amendment of Bernard Bigras be withdrawn, and that the motion of David McGuinty be withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee invite departmental officials from

Environment Canada and Treasury Board Secretariat to appear at committee on Thursday, June 7, 2007 to discuss the government's climate change spending for 2006-2007 and anticipated spending for 2007-2008 .

At 12:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/31 3:57 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 63

Thursday, June 7, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 31, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of the Government's climate change spending for 2006-2007 and anticipated spending for 2007-2008.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Geoff Regan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

*Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on
Environment and Sustainable Development:*

Sam Banks;
Tim Williams.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer;
Michael Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy
Branch;
Alex Manson, Special Advisor, Climate Change Policy, Strategic
Policy Branch.

Michael Martin made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 63

Thursday, June 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Geoff Regan.

In attendance: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development: Sam Banks; Tim Williams.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer; Michael Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Alex Manson, Special Advisor, Climate Change Policy, Strategic Policy Branch.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That, on June 12, 2007, the Committee proceeds to the study of the Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria) and their Toxins.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the following studies also be included in the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure:

That, on June 14, 2007, the Committee proceeds to a study on smog / clean air.

That, on June 19, 2007, the Committee proceeds to the study of a post G8 debrief on climate change developments.

That, on June 21, 2007, the Committee provide discretion to the Chair in determining between studies on garbage gasification and clean coal technology..

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Geoff Regan moved, — That the following studies also be included in the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure:

That, on June 14, 2007, the Committee proceeds to the study of a post G8 debrief on climate change developments and Canada's position within the broader international context.

That, on June 19, 2007, the Committee proceeds to a study on smog / clean air.

That, on June 21, 2007, the Committee provide discretion to the Chair in determining between studies on garbage gasification and clean coal technology. .

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 0.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 31, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of the Government's climate change spending for 2006-2007 and anticipated spending for 2007-2008.

Michael Martin made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/08 4:10 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria) and their Toxins.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Water Research Institute:

John H. Carey, Director General, Water Science and Technology.

As an Individual:

Richard Carignan, Full Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Montréal.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Bob Friesen, President.

Canadian Water and Wastewater Association:

Dave McCartney, Manager, Wastewater and Drainage Service, City of Ottawa.

Government of Manitoba:

Hon. Christine Melnick, Minister, Water Stewardship.

Manitoba Water Stewardship:

Mr. Dwight Williamson, Director, Water Science and Management Branch.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:46 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Associate Members present: Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Water Research Institute: John H. Carey, Director General, Water Science and Technology. *As an individual:* Richard Carignan, Full Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Montréal. *Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Bob Friesen, President. *Canadian Water and Wastewater Association:* Dave McCartney, Manager, Wastewater and Drainage Service, City of Ottawa. *Government of Manitoba:* Hon. Christine Melnick, Minister, Water Stewardship. *Manitoba Water Stewardship:* Mr. Dwight Williamson, Director, Water Science and Management Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria) and their Toxins.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bernard Bigras moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development recommend that the government amend the Phosphorous Concentration Regulations in order to prohibit the concentration of phosphorous in laundry detergents and dishwasher detergents and that the adoption of this motion be reported to the House at the earliest opportunity.

Debate arose thereon.

Mark Warawa moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development hold further hearings on the issue of phosphorous, to study possible impacts on the environment.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Francis Scarpaleggia moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Standing Committee on the Environment and the Sustainable Development recommends that the government amend the Phosphorous Concentration Regulations in order to phase out concentration of phosphorous in dishwasher detergents and laundry detergents and that the adoption of this motion be reported to the House at the earliest opportunity.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Francis Scarpaleggia and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

The Committee agreed to the motion of Bernard Bigras as amended.

At 1:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/13 2:05 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 65

Thursday, June 14, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Clean Air / Smog.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Geoff Regan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Bill Appleby, Director, National Service Operations,
Meteorological Service Canada.

Department of Health:

Phil Blagden, Acting Manager, Air Health Effects Division,
Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch.

Pollution Probe:

Quentin Chiotti, Senior Scientist.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 65

Thursday, June 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Geoff Regan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Bill Appleby, Director, National Service Operations, Meteorological Service Canada. *Department of Health:* Phil Blagden, Acting Manager, Air Health Effects Division, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch. *Pollution Probe:* Quentin Chiotti, Senior Scientist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Clean Air / Smog.

David J. McGuinty moved, — That the Committee proceed to the next item on the agenda.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to the next item on the agenda.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

David J. McGuinty moved, — That, this committee immediately resume its agenda – as democratically adopted by the committee on Thursday, June 7, 2007 by a vote of 10 to 0 – on the study of a post G8 debrief on climate change developments and Canada's position within the broader international context, and immediately bring witnesses Matthew Bramley (Pembina Institute) and Mark Jaccard (Simon Fraser University) to testify, by video or teleconference if necessary; and, this committee call upon the chair to apologize to the committee for unilaterally rewriting today's agenda in a manner contradicting the expressed will of the committee.

Debate arose thereon.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion be divided into two parts (see Marleau-Montpetit p. 478: Dividing Motion - When a complicated motion comes before the House (for example, a motion containing two or more parts each capable of standing on its own), the Speaker has the authority to modify it and thereby facilitate decision-making for the House. When any Member objects to a motion that contains two or more distinct propositions, he or she may request that the motion be divided and that each proposition be debated and voted on separately. The final decision, however, rests with the Chair).

The motions, to read as follows:

MOTION 1 - That, this committee immediately resume its agenda as democratically adopted by the committee on Thursday, June 7, 2007 by a vote of 10 to 0 – on the study of a post G8 debrief on climate change developments and Canada's position within the broader international context, and immediately bring witnesses Matthew Bramley (Pembina Institute) and Mark Jaccard (Simon Fraser University) to testify, by video or teleconference if necessary.

MOTION 2 - That, this committee call upon the chair to apologize to the committee for unilaterally rewriting today's agenda in a manner contradicting the expressed will of the committee.

Debate arose on Motion 1.

The question was put on the motion 1 and it was agreed to.

Debate arose on Motion 2.

The question was put on the motion 2 and it was agreed to by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS:4.

The office of the Chair was vacated.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

Anthony Rota moved, — That Mike Allen be elected Chair of the Committee.

After debate, the motion was withdrawn

Bernard Bigras moved, — That Luc Harvey be elected Chair of the Committee.

After debate, the motion was withdrawn

At 1:18 p.m., the members of the Committee dispersed.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/18 4:14 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the G8 Summit debriefing on the climate change developments.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mike Allen,
Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
140 Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Anthony Rota,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey for David J. McGuinty.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Christine Lafrance, Procedural Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs):

David Mulroney, Personal Representative of the Prime Minister,
2007 G8 Summit.

Simon Fraser University:

Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental
Management.

International Institute for Sustainable Development:

John Drexhage, Director, Climate Change and Energy.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block.

Members of the Committee present: Mike Allen, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Anthony Rota, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Hon. John Godfrey for David J. McGuinty.

In attendance: House of Commons: Christine Lafrance, Procedural Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs): David Mulroney, Personal Representative of the Prime Minister, 2007 G8 Summit. *Simon Fraser University:* Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management. *International Institute for Sustainable Development:* John Drexhage, Director, Climate Change and Energy.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That Bob Mills be elected Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the G8 Summit debriefing on the climate change developments.

The Committee agreed to hear from David Mulroney from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Mark Jaccard from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., and John Drexhage from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m..

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Clerk of the Committee: Normand Radford.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 15, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.



IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 15, 2007.

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That Bob Mills be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That Geoff Regan be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Marcel Lussier, it was agreed, — That Bernard Bigras be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with the study of Routine Motions.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, a member of the other opposition party and a member of the government, excluding the Parliamentary Secretary.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on division.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, a member of the other opposition party and a member of the government.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on division.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, a member of the other opposition party and Jeff Watson.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on division.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, a member of the other opposition party and Luc Harvey.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on division.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the motion to establish the Subcommittee on Agenda and procedure be deferred.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on division.

Jeff Watson moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, a member of the other opposition party and the Parliamentary Secretary.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on division.

It was agreed on division, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and one member from the other opposition party.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person and, in addition, each party be permitted to have one staff member from either the Office of their House Leader, their Whip or their Research Bureau attend in camera meetings.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including one member of the opposition and one member from the government.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on division.

It was agreed on division, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including one member of the opposition.

It was agreed on division, — That a full 24 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee prior to 6 p.m. and distributed to members in both official languages.

It was agreed on division, — That witnesses be given ten (10) minutes for their opening statement and, that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated ten (10) minutes for the first questioner of each party; and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and Opposition parties and that no member be given a second opportunity to ask a question until all members have had an opportunity to ask a question .

John Godfrey moved, — That when a Minister appears before the Committee, the ratio of time allocated for presentation and questioning be one quarter to three quarter, that is, for example, a fifteen minute presentation followed by a forty five minute period of question.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on division.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorised to purchase gifts on behalf of the Committee for visiting delegations to Canada meeting with the Committee or for foreign hosts when the Committee is travelling abroad.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase documents for the use of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Interim Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, November 20th, 2007, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to present his 2007 Report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee consider its future business on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m..

At 5:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/19 2:12 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2007, referred to the Committee on October 30, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria) and their Toxins.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Valley for Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and
Sustainable Development;

Richard Arseneault, Principal;

Andrew Ferguson, Principal.

Ron Thompson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Roger Valley for Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Richard Arseneault, Principal; Andrew Ferguson, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2007, referred to the Committee on October 30, 2007.

Ron Thompson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Blue-Green Algae (Cyanobacteria) and their Toxins.

It was agreed, — That the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development presented to the House on June 13, 2007 in the First Session of the 39th Parliament be concurred in this session of Parliament and that the Chair present this as a Report to the House at the earliest opportunity.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the tentative schedule of the Committee be as follows:

- November 22, 2007, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Meeting on IPCC Report, if witnesses are available. If not available, an additional meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2007;
- November 27, 2007: Meeting on Canada's position in advance of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Bali: Canadian experts;
- November 29, 2007: Meeting with the Hon. John Baird, Minister of the Environment on Canada's position in advance of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Bali;

- December 4, 2007: Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Departmental Officials;
- December 6, 2007: Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change;
- December 11, 2007: Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change;
- December 13, 2007: Budgetary Implications: Environment Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development study effective solutions to climate change and rising polutions such as:

- carbon capture and storage;
- garbage gasification techniques; and
- clean coal technology.

It was agreed, — That any member of the Committee be entitled to submit a dissenting or supplementary opinion to any Committee Report in accordance to the Standing Order and the conditions imposed by the Committee.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/23 11:14 a.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Clerk of the Committee: Normand Radford.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alhabra for Hon. Geoff Regan,
André Bellavance for Bernard Bigras,
Ken Epp for Maurice Vellacott,
Brian Jean for Bob Mills,
and Scott Simms for David J. McGuinty.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Brian T. Gray, Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology;

Francis Zwiers, Director, Climate Research, Atmospheric Science and Technology, Science and Technology Branch.

Carleton University:

John Stone, Adjunct Research Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies.

University of Victoria:

Andrew Weaver, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Atmosphere Science, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by teleconference at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the acting chair, Nathan Cullen, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Hon. Geoff Regan, André Bellavance for Bernard Bigras, Ken Epp for Maurice Vellacott, Brian Jean for Bob Mills and Scott Simms for David J. McGuinty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Brian T. Gray, Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology; Francis Zwiers, Director, Climate Research, Atmospheric Science and Technology, Science and Technology Branch. *Carleton University:* John Stone, Adjunct Research Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies. *University of Victoria:* Andrew Weaver, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Atmosphere Science, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of an Acting Chair.

John Godfrey moved, — That Nathan Cullen be elected acting Chair for this meeting.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development move its scheduled hearing of the Environment Canada Budget to the December 4th meeting and include it as part of its review of the Supplementary Estimates; and that the Minister be invited to appear; and that the December 13th meeting continue with the study of Bill C-377.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/27 3:12 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Geoff Regan

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference (Bali, December 2007).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Allen for Bob Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Pembina Institute:

Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change.

Greenhouse Emissions Management Consortium:

Aldyen Donnelly, President.

International Institute for Sustainable Development:

John Drexhage, Director, Climate Change and Energy.

Canadian Youth Climate Coalition:

Barbara Hayes, National Director.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Geoff Regan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Mike Allen for Bob Mills.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pembina Institute: Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change. *Greenhouse Emissions Management Consortium:* Aldyen Donnelly, President. *International Institute for Sustainable Development:* John Drexhage, Director, Climate Change and Energy. *Canadian Youth Climate Coalition:* Barbara Hayes, National Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference (Bali, December 2007).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/21 3:46 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Scott Reid

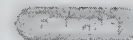
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Meeting No. 5

Monday, April 7, 2008

The Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development met *in camera* at 1:04 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Scott Reid, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Irwin Cotler, Hon. Jason Kenney, Wayne Marston, Scott Reid, Mario Silva, Caroline St-Hilaire and David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Robert Dufresne, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, November 13, 2007 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee, March 6, 2008, the Subcommittee resumed its study on Human Rights in Cuba.

The Subcommittee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development expresses its grave concern regarding the People's Republic of China's response to recent unrest in Tibet and neighbouring regions of China; that the People's Republic of China be urged to allow immediate access to the entire affected region by accredited international observers, media and relevant UN bodies; that the People's Republic of China be called upon to take immediate steps to improve the human rights situation in Tibet including by respecting the rights of Tibetans to freedom of expression, association, spiritual belief, movement, and peaceful protest; and that the People's Republic of China be encouraged promptly to hold meaningful, good faith negotiations with His Holiness the Dalai Lama or his representatives towards the establishment of an early, peaceful and sustainable settlement of the Tibetan issue.

At 2:04 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2008/04/07 4:03 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Vice-Chair: Geoff Regan.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Canada's position in advance of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Bali.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Anderson for Bob Mills,
and Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bob Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John Baird, Minister of the Environment.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

David McGovern, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs
Branch;

Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Geoff Regan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: David Anderson for Bob Mills and Hon. Joe Comuzzi for Bob Mills.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John Baird, Minister of the Environment.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: David McGovern, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs Branch; Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Canada's position in advance of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Bali.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Committee thank the Minister for setting out Canada's position in Indonesia for the Upcoming UN Conference on Climate Change and offer best wishes on a successful conclusion to the Conference.

Debate arose thereon.

At 6:07 p.m., the Chair declared the Committee adjourned for lack of quorum.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/11 3:32 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Environment Canada Budget and the Department's expenditure plans contained in the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008 and the effectiveness of their implementation.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Nathan Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John Baird, Minister of the Environment.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

John H. Carey, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and
Technology Branch;
Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister;
Michael Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy
Branch;
Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer;
Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister;
Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister,
Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Nathan Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John Baird, Minister of the Environment.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: John H. Carey, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology Branch; Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister; Michael Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer; Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister; Cynthia Wright, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Stewardship Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Environment Canada Budget and the Department's expenditure plans contained in the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008 and the effectiveness of their implementation.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Mark Warawa moved, — That this Environment Committee call on all major emitting countries to accept caps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to fight climate change.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible in that the proposed motion was not relevant to the Orders of the Day and required a twenty four hour notice pursuant to the routine motion adopted by the Committee at its meeting of November 15, 2007, regarding notices of motion.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bernard Bigras moved, — That the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, through its Chair, write to the Environment Minister to express the Committee's desire to see him, on the occasion of the 13th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, make a commitment to ensure an absolute reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of 20% below 1990 levels by 2020, and accept Europe's invitation to cut emissions by 30% if the other developed countries also accept.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Bernard Bigras, it was agreed on division, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 6:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair:

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/07 11:10 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, December 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Nathan Cullen,
Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras,
and Bev Shipley for Luc Harvey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, December 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 200, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Nathan Cullen, Christian Ouellet for Bernard Bigras and Bev Shipley for Luc Harvey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Honourable Jack Layton, P.C., M.P. be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday December 11, 2007 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the topic of Bill C-377, *An Act to ensure that Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change*.

It was agreed, — That Aldyen Donnelly, President of the Greenhouse Emissions Management Consortium and Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change, Pembina Institute, be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the topic of Bill C-377, *An Act to ensure that Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change*.

It was agreed, — That members submit the names of proposed witnesses regarding Bill C-377 to the Clerk by Friday, December 14, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet to review and approve the list of witnesses for Bill C-377.

It was agreed, — That, once approved by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, the list of witnesses be sent to the full Committee.

It was agreed, — That, in addition to the December 11, 2007 meeting, the following meetings be held on Bill C-377:

— Scientist Panel to discuss scientific underpinnings of Climate Change and C-377;

— Economists Panel (including emissions trading, US Greenhouse Gas Abatement mapping initiatives, mechanisms and feasibility of meeting obligations and cost of meeting targets);

— Environmentalists Panel; and

— Jurisdictional Experience Panel (representatives from governments which have adopted similar deep reductions targets, and constitutionality of Bill C-377).

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite Pierre Marc Johnson, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Ian Morton, and Mary Simon, advisors to the Canadian Government on the UNFCCC-Bali, to provide a debriefing on the UNFCCC meeting outcomes and implications for Canada.

At 4:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/11 12:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Nathan Cullen,
and Jean-Yves Roy for Bernard Bigras.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Jack Layton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Hon. Jack Layton, Toronto—Danforth.

Pembina Institute:

Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change.

Greenhouse Emissions Management Consortium:

Aldyen Donnelly, President.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by teleconference at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Nathan Cullen and Jean-Yves Roy for Bernard Bigras.

Associate Members present: Hon. Jack Layton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Hon. Jack Layton, M. P.. *Pembina Institute:* Matthew Bramley, Director, Climate Change. *Greenhouse Emissions Management Consortium:* Aldyen Donnelly, President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The Honourable Jack Layton made a statement and answered questions.

Aldyen Donnelly and Matthew Bramley made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/13 10:28 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 9

Monday, January 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Canada's position in advance of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Bali.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Bevington for Nathan Cullen,
Raymonde Folco for Francis Scarpaleggia,
and Mark Holland for Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister;
David McGovern, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs
Branch;
Mark Berman, Director, Negotiations, Climate Change
International, International Affairs Branch;
Normand Tremblay, Senior Advisor, Negotiations, Climate
Change International.

Canadian Youth Climate Coalition:

Olivier Maxime Jarvis Lavoie, Member, Outreach Working Group,
Canadian Youth Delegation to Bali.

International Institute for Sustainable Development:

John Drexhage, Director, Climate Change and Energy.

World Business Council for Sustainable Development:

Christopher Henderson, Managing Director, The Excel
Partnership.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Monday, January 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Dennis Bevington for Nathan Cullen, Raymonde Folco for Francis Scarpaleggia and Mark Holland for Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister; David McGovern, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs Branch; Mark Berman, Director, Negotiations, Climate Change International, International Affairs Branch; Normand Tremblay, Senior Advisor, Negotiations, Climate Change International. *Canadian Youth Climate Coalition:* Olivier Maxime Jarvis Lavoie, Member, Outreach Working Group, Canadian Youth Delegation to Bali. *International Institute for Sustainable Development:* John Drexhage, Director, Climate Change and Energy. *World Business Council for Sustainable Development:* Christopher Henderson, Managing Director, The Excel Partnership.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference in Bali.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite Pierre Marc Johnson, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Ian Morton and Mary Simon, advisers to the Canadian Government, on the topic of the United Nations Framework Convention at the earliest opportunity.

It was agreed, — That the workplan of the Committee updated on January 25, 2008, be approved.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/30 10:44 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen,
Brian Jean for Luc Harvey,
and Daniel Petit for Luc Harvey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society:

Ian Rutherford, Executive Director.

As Individuals:

David Sauchyn, Research Professor, Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative, University of Regina;

John M R Stone, Adjunct Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University;

Andrew Weaver, Professor and Canada Research Chair, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by videoconference at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Paul Dewar for Nathan Cullen, Brian Jean for Luc Harvey and Daniel Petit for Luc Harvey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society: Ian Rutherford, Executive Director.

As individuals: David Sauchyn, Research Professor, Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative, University of Regina; John M R Stone, Adjunct Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University; Andrew Weaver, Professor and Canada Research Chair, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Francis Scarpaleggia moved, — That the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development invite representatives from Environment Canada and Natural Resources Canada (including Randy Mikula from NRCan), representatives of the Alberta government, Dr. David Schindler, Andrew Nikiforuk, Michael Wenig (of the Canadian Institute of Resource Law), Kevin P. Timoney (of Treeline Environmental Research), representatives of the Nunee Health Authority of Fort Chipewyan, representatives of the Keepers of the Athabasca, and a representative of the Pembina Institute, to discuss the impact of oil-sands development on present and future water supplies, including on water flows and pollution in the Athabasca River and Lake Athabasca and on migratory birds in the Peace-Athabasca Delta.

Debate arose thereon.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words “Peace-Athabasca Delta” the following: “and that, the Committee organize and include in its study a trip to Northern Alberta to tour the oil sands before the end of the current session”.

The question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was negatived on division.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words “Peace-Athabasca Delta” the following: “and that additional witnesses submitted by the members be considered by the Steering Committee for final approval by the Standing Committee”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development invite representatives from Environment Canada and Natural Resources Canada (including Randy Mikula from NRCan), representatives of the Alberta government, Dr. David Schindler, Andrew Nikiforuk, Michael Wenig (of the Canadian Institute of Resource Law), Kevin P. Timoney (of Treeline Environmental Research), representatives of the Nunee Health Authority of Fort Chipewyan, representatives of the Keepers of the Athabasca, and a representative of the Pembina Institute, to discuss the impact of oil-sands development on present and future water supplies, including on water flows and pollution in the Athabasca River and Lake Athabasca and on migratory birds in the Peace-Athabasca Delta and that additional witnesses submitted by the members be considered by the Steering Committee for final approval by the Standing Committee.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/01 11:53 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 11

Monday, February 4, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Stoffer for Nathan Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

World Wildlife Fund Canada:

Julia Langer, Director, Global Threats, Conservation.

David Suzuki Foundation:

Dale Marshall, Analyst, Climate Change Policy.

Pollution Probe:

Kenneth B. Ogilvie, Executive Director.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Monday, February 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Peter Stoffer for Nathan Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: World Wildlife Fund Canada: Julia Langer, Director, Global Threats, Conservation. *David Suzuki Foundation:* Dale Marshall, Analyst, Climate Change Policy. *Pollution Probe:* Kenneth B. Ogilvie, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/05 2:02 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Hedy Fry for Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council of Chief Executives:

Thomas d'Aquino, President and Chief Executive Officer;
John R. Dillon, Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs, General
Counsel.

Canadian Gas Association:

Shahrazad Rahbar, Vice-President, Strategy and Operations.

As an Individual:

David Sawyer, Economist, EnviroEconomics.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Hedy Fry for Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Council of Chief Executives: Thomas d'Aquino, President and Chief Executive Officer; John R. Dillon, Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs, General Counsel. *Canadian Gas Association:* Shahrzad Rahbar, Vice-President, Strategy and Operations. *As an individual:* David Sawyer, Economist, EnviroEconomics.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/07 11:40 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 13

Monday, February 11, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Lee for Hon. Geoff Regan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

European Commission:

Vicki Pollard, Policy Officer, Environment Directorate, Climate Change Strategy and International Negotiation.

Pew Center on Global Climate Change:

Vicki Arroyo, Director, Policy Analysis.

United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

James Hughes, Deputy Director, Climate Change and Energy, Strategy and Public Sector Division.

Department of Justice:

Warren J. Newman, Senior General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law Section.

Canadian Environmental Law Association:

Joseph F. Castrilli, Counsel;
Theresa McClenaghan, Executive Director and Counsel.

Canadian Bar Association:

Andre Turmel, Secretary, National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section;
Tamra Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

As Individuals:

Stewart Elgie, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Associate Director, Institute of the Environment;
Peter W. Hogg, Scholar in Residence, Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Monday, February 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by teleconference and videoconference at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Hon. Geoff Regan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: European Commission: Vicki Pollard, Policy Officer, Environment Directorate, Climate Change Strategy and International Negotiation. *Pew Center on Global Climate Change:* Vicki Arroyo, Director, Policy Analysis. *United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:* James Hughes, Deputy Director, Climate Change and Energy, Strategy and Public Sector Division. *Department of Justice:* Warren J. Newman, Senior General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law Section. *Canadian Environmental Law Association:* Joseph F. Castrilli, Counsel; Theresa McClenaghan, Executive Director and Counsel. *Canadian Bar Association:* Andre Turmel, Secretary, National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section; Tamra Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform. *As individuals:* Stewart Elgie, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Associate Director, Institute of the Environment; Peter W. Hogg, Scholar in Residence, Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

Vicki Pollard, Vicki Arroyo and James Hughes made statements and answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Peter Hogg, Theresa McClenaghan, Joseph F. Castrilli, Tamra Thomson, Andre Turmel and Stewart Elgie made statements and answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/19 3:11 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Christiane Gagnon for Bernard Bigras and Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for David J. McGuinty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Michelle Zakrison, Research Intern.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the proposed amendments to Bill C-377 be submitted to the Clerk by Friday, February 22, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Committee approve the following agenda subject to availability of witnesses:

February 25, 2008: Hon. Pierre Marc Johnson and Mr. Ian Morton;

February 27, March 3, 4 and 5, 2008: Bill C-377 (Clause by Clause);

March 10, 2008: Bill C-474;

March 12, 2008: Report of the Commissioner for the Environment and Sustainable Development: Overview of Chapters;

March 31, 2008: Report of the Commissioner for the Environment and Sustainable Development: Specific Chapters;

April 2, 2008: Bill C-474;

April 7, 2008: Bill C-474 (Clause by Clause);

April 9, 2008: Auditor General Report on Green Panel;

April 14, 16, 2008: Main Estimates 2008-2009;

April 28, 2008: Bill C-469;

April 30, 2008: Solutions Study;

May 5, 7, 12, 2008: Solutions Study;

May 14, 26, 28, 2008: Water Study; and

June 2, 4, 9, 2008: Water Study.

At 4:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/29 4:01 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 15

Monday, February 25, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference (Bali, December 2007).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. John Godfrey,
and Peter Stoffer for Nathan Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Pierre Marc Johnson, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Environment, the Hon. John Baird, for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference (Bali - December 2007);

Ian Morton, Advisor to the Minister of Environment, the Hon. John Baird, for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference (Bali - December 2007).

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Monday, February 25, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by teleconference at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. John Godfrey and Peter Stoffer for Nathan Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Pierre Marc Johnson, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Environment, the Hon. John Baird, for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference (Bali - December 2007); Ian Morton, Advisor to the Minister of Environment, the Hon. John Baird, for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference (Bali - December 2007).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference (Bali, December 2007).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/03 9:54 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Geoff Regan,
and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Geoff Regan and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

Mark Warawa moved, — That, in accordance with Standing Order 97.1(1), the Committee not proceed further with Bill C-377.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/29 3:07 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 17

Monday, March 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alan Tonks for Hon. Geoff Regan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Michel Arès, Counsel, Legal Services.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Monday, March 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Alan Tonks for Hon. Geoff Regan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Michel Arès, Counsel, Legal Services.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to the consideration of its future business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Hon. John Godfrey be invited to appear in relation to Bill C-474.

It was agreed, — That a representative from Justice Canada be invited to appear in relation to Bill C-474.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That all future meetings of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development for the consideration of Bill C-377 be televised.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be granted an operational budget of \$2,345.00 for its study of Bill C-377.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be granted an operational budget of \$7,700.00 for its study of Bill C-474.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

Mark Warawa moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 97(1), the Committee report to the House to seek a thirty sitting day extension for the consideration of Bill C-377 due to a lack of economic analysis.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of the Preamble and Clause 1 is postponed.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2 was allowed to stand.

After debate, Clause 3 carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 5.

Clause 4 carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

On Clause 5,

Bernard Bigras moved, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 3 with the following:

“reduced, subject to the ultimate objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bernard Bigras and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia — 7; NAYS: Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 4.

Clause 5, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

On Clause 6,

John Godfrey moved, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing lines 21 to 25 on page 3 with the following:

“2040 and 2045. The target plan shall

(a) establish a Canadian greenhouse gas emissions target for each of those years;

(b) specify the scientific, economic and technological evidence and analysis used to establish each target, including consideration of the latest reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the most stringent greenhouse gas emissions targets adopted by other national governments;

(c) show that each target is consistent with a responsible contribution by Canada to the UNFCCC’s ultimate objective of preventing dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system and with Parliament’s strong commitment to the Kyoto Protocol.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John Godfrey and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 6, as amended, carried.

On Clause 7,

Nathan Cullen moved, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 32 to 36 on page 3 and lines 1 to 3 on page 4 with the following:

“regulations under this or any other Act within the limits of federal constitutional authority

- (a) limiting the amount of greenhouse gases that may be released into the environment;
- (b) limiting the amount of greenhouse gases that may be released in each province by applying to each province the commitment made under section 5 and the interim Canadian greenhouse gas emission targets referred to in section 6;
- (c) establishing performance standards designed to limit greenhouse gas emissions;
- (d) respecting the use or production of any equipment, technology, fuel, vehicle or process in order to limit greenhouse gas emissions;
- (e) respecting permits or approvals for the release of any greenhouse gas;
- (f) respecting trading in greenhouse gas emission reductions, removals, permits, credits, or other units;
- (g) respecting monitoring, inspections, investigations, reporting, enforcement, penalties or other matters to promote compliance with regulations made under this Act;
- (h) designating the contravention of a provision or class of provisions of the regulations by a person or class of persons as an offence punishable by indictment or on summary conviction and prescribing, for a person or class of persons, the amount of the fine and imprisonment for the offence; and
- (i) respecting any other matter that is necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Despite paragraph (1)(b), and for greater certainty, each province may take any measure that it considers appropriate to limit greenhouse gas emissions.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nathan Cullen and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 7, as amended, carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia — 7; NAYS: Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 4.

Clause 8 carried.

On Clause 9,

John Godfrey moved, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 4 with the following:

“other entities, particularly discussions and negotiations resulting from decisions of the Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC and of the Conference of Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, are fully consistent with meet-”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John Godfrey and it was agreed to.

Bernard Bigras moved, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing lines 28 to 31 on page 4 with the following:

“emission targets referred to in section 6; and

(c) making, amending or repealing, pursuant to section 7, the necessary regulations under this or any other Act.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bernard Bigras and it was agreed to.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 9, be amended by adding after line 31 on page 4 the following:

“(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) to ensure Canada meets the target referred to in paragraph 5(a) and each of the interim Canadian greenhouse gas emission targets referred to in section 6 shall be made, amended or repealed under paragraph 9(1)(c)

(a) on or before December 31, 2008, in the case of the target for 2015; and

(b) at least ten years before the start of the year to which the target applies, in the case of all the other targets.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nathan Cullen and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia — 6; NAYS: Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 4.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 9, be amended by adding after line 31 on page 4 the following:

“(3) In ensuring that Canada fully meets its commitments under sections 5 and 6, pursuant to subsections (1) and (2), the Governor in Council may take into account any reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that are reasonably expected to result from the implementation of other governmental measures, including spending and federal-provincial agreements.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nathan Cullen and it was agreed to.

Mark Warawa moved, — That pursuant to S.O. 97(1), the Committee report to the House and recommend that Bill C-377 not be proceeded with due to a lack of economic analysis of its content.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on division.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/10 2:36 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

G rard Asselin for Bernard Bigras,
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for Bernard Bigras and Hon. Raymond Simard for Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 97(1), the Committee report to the House seeking an extension of thirty sitting days for it to complete consideration of Bill C-377.

Debate arose thereon.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That the question be now called.

Whereupon the Chair ruled the motion out of order since this motion would have as effect to end debate.

Whereupon, Nathan Cullen appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 4; NAYS: Gérard Asselin, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Geoff Regan, Raymond Simard — 7.

Mark Warawa raised a question of privilege to the effect that his right of speech had been breached.

David J. McGuinty moved, — That the Chair rule on the question of privilege.

Whereupon the Chair ruled the motion out of order in that the motion was moved on a point of order.

The Chair further ruled that at 17:10, he would put the question to the Committee whether or not to report to the House the facts surrounding the question of privilege to be followed immediately by a vote on the motion of Nathan Cullen.

The question: "Shall the Committee report to the House the facts regarding the question of privilege raised by Mark Warawa" was put and was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Luc Harvey, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 4; NAYS: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Geoff Regan, Raymond Simard — 7.

The question: "That pursuant to Standing Order 97(1), the Committee report to the House seeking an extension of thirty sitting days for it to complete consideration of Bill C-377" was put and was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/11 12:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

*Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on
Environment and Sustainable Development:*

Sam Banks, Analyst.

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development:
Normand Radford, Clerk of the Committee.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

On Clause 10,

Nathan Cullen moved, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 10, be amended by adding after line 11 on page 5 the following:

“(c) the level of Canadian greenhouse gas emissions in each of the following ten years to be used as a baseline to quantify the reductions referred to in paragraph (b).”

Debate arose thereon.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That a five-minute limit be placed on any intervention on any clause of Bill C-377.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible in that it had been moved on a point of order and the Committee was already seized with a question on Clause 10.

Whereupon, Nathan Cullen appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bernard Bigras, Marcel Lussier — 2; NAYS: Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, David J. McGuinty, Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia — 5.

Whereupon debate arose on the motion of Nathan Cullen.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/11 12:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 20

Monday, March 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Martin for Nathan Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:
Hon. John Godfrey, Don Valley West.

The Natural Step Canada:
Chad Park, Senior Sustainability Advisor.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and
Sustainable Development;
Richard Arseneault, Principal;
Jim McKenzie, Director.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Monday, March 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Tony Martin for Nathan Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Hon. John Godfrey, Don Valley West. *The Natural Step Canada:* Chad Park, Senior Sustainability Advisor. *Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Richard Arseneault, Principal; Jim McKenzie, Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/11 12:42 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2008, referred to the Committee on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Chan for Hon. John Godfrey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and
Sustainable Development;

Richard Arseneault, Principal;

Andrew Ferguson, Principal;

Mary Anne Strong, Project Leader.

Ron Thompson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Raymond Chan for Hon. John Godfrey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Richard Arseneault, Principal; Andrew Ferguson, Principal; Mary Anne Strong, Project Leader.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for the year 2008, referred to the Committee on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

Ron Thompson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to consider its future business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That Mark Warawa become a permanent member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet immediately following the adjournment of this meeting.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/14 12:43 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 22

Monday, March 31, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Bevington for Nathan Cullen,

Raynald Blais for Bernard Bigras,
Hon. Charles Hubbard for David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Keith Martin for David J. McGuinty,
Pat Martin for Nathan Cullen,
and Pablo Rodriguez for Francis Scarpaleggia.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Del Mastro,
Rick Dykstra
and Peter Julian.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Monday, March 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Dennis Bevington for Nathan Cullen, Raynald Blais for Bernard Bigras, Hon. Charles Hubbard for David J. McGuinty, Hon. Keith Martin for David J. McGuinty, Pat Martin for Nathan Cullen and Pablo Rodriguez for Francis Scarpaleggia.

Associate Members present: Dean Del Mastro, Rick Dykstra and Peter Julian.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That two additional meetings be held on Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

2. That the first item of business of the Committee be Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change, and that no other item be considered by the Committee until it has completed the consideration of the clause by clause of the Bill.

3. That the Standing Committee meet as follows:

— March 31, 2008: Bill C-377 (Clause by Clause);

— April 2, 2008: Bill C-474;

— April 7, 2008: Bill C-474;

— April 8, 2008: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure;

— April 9, 2008: Bill C-474;

— April 14, 2008: Bill C-474 (Clause by Clause);

— April 16, 2008: Bill C-474 (Clause by Clause) or Bill C-469 if the Committee has completed clause by clause of Bill C-474; and

— April 28, 2008: Bill C-469, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (use of phosphorus).

4. That the selection of witnesses for consideration of Bill C-474 be left to the discretion of the Chair and staff providing that the selection reflects equity by Party.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the witnesses proposed for Bill C-474 in the draft proposed schedule be approved.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

On Clause 10,

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Nathan Cullen, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 10, be amended by adding after line 11 on page 5 the following:

“(c) the level of Canadian greenhouse gas emissions in each of the following ten years to be used as a baseline to quantify the reductions referred to in paragraph (b).”

After further debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nathan Cullen and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Debate arose on Clause 10, as amended.

Mark Warawa moved, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 6:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 8:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 8:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet at 3:30 p.m. on April 1, 2008 to continue consideration of clause by clause of Bill C-377.

At 9:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/02 12:05 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The Committee resumed clause-by-clause consideration on Clause 10, as amended.

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-377, in Clause 10, be amended

(a) by replacing line 33 on page 4 with the following:

“the Minister may, at his or her discretion, prepare a statement setting out”

(b) by replacing line 37 on page 4 with the following:

“plan are being met, including the targets in the Government of Canada's Turning the Corner plan and measures taken”

(c) by replacing lines 39 and 40 on page 4 with the following:

“(i) the Framework announced on March 10, 2008,”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Debate resumed on clause 10, as amended.

Nathan Cullen moved, — That there be a maximum time limit of two minutes debate per member of Parliament on each remaining clause and part of Bill C-377.

RULING BY THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible in that it had been moved on a point of order and the

Committee was already seized with a question on Clause 10.

Whereupon, Nathan Cullen appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa, Jeff Watson — 3; NAYS: Carolyn Bennett, Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Geoff Regan — 7.

Whereupon debate arose on the motion of Nathan Cullen.

At 5:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:42 p.m., on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, the sitting resumed.

Mark Warawa raised a question of privilege to the effect that overruling the Chair on matters that are clearly set out in usual procedure and practice constitutes disorder and misconduct which impinges on Members abilities to carry out their duties.

Whereupon, the Chair took the question of privilege under advisement.

The Committee stood debate on the motion of Nathan Cullen and resumed debate on Clause 10 of the Bill.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That the Committee adjourn.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/07 3:45 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 24

Monday, April 7, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Lake for Jeff Watson,
Daniel Petit for Maurice Vellacott,
and Mike Wallace for Maurice Vellacott.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Van Kesteren.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Monday, April 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Mike Lake for Jeff Watson, Daniel Petit for Maurice Vellacott and Mike Wallace for Maurice Vellacott.

Associate Members present: Dave Van Kesteren.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The Committee resumed clause-by-clause consideration on Clause 10, as amended.

At 5:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:41 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:48 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:58 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed on division, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 6:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/10 3:55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.
House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, *An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change*.

RULING BY THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled on the question of privilege raised by Mr. Warawa on April 2, 2008 regarding proceedings in the meeting held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. The Chair allowed a motion, although not a motion of privilege *per se*, to be put to an immediate vote to report the matter to the House of Commons and recommend that the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, or possibly a special committee, consider whether changes to the Standing Orders might alleviate our current difficulties in committee.

On motion of Nathan Cullen, it was agreed, — That the Committee report to the House inherent difficulties in the practice, procedure and rules of the House which allow procedurally sound rulings of Chairs to be overruled and that the Committee recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee or possibly a special committee to consider whether changes to the Standing Orders might alleviate current difficulties in committee.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Nathan Cullen, — That there be a maximum time limit of two minutes debate per Member of Parliament on each remaining clause and parts of Bill C-377.

At 5:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 6:41 p.m., the Chair declared the Committee adjourned for lack of quorum.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/10 4:46 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 26

Monday, April 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Simard for Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Monday, April 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Raymond Simard for Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

At 3:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:03 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 4:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 4:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/15 11:15 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, April 17, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 17, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of RADARSAT-2.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen,
Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Geoff Regan,

Hon. Andy Scott for Francis Scarpaleggia,
and Bev Shipley for Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;
Sam Banks, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Nathan Cullen, Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Geoff Regan, Hon. Andy Scott for Francis Scarpaleggia and Bev Shipley for Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 17, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of RADARSAT-2.

On motion of Bernard Bigras, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the following be reported to the House at the first opportunity:

“That in light of the importance of the environmental data collected by the RADARSAT-2 satellite, the Standing Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development recommend to the Minister of Industry that he maintain his decision, made under the Investment Canada Act, not to allow the sale of the aerospace assets of the Canadian company MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd (MDA), including RADARSAT -2, to the American company Techsystems Inc. (ATK)”.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-377, *An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change*.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Joe Comartin moved, — That the title, the preamble and clauses 1, 2, 10 as amended, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Bill C 377, *An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change*, be deemed adopted; that the Bill, as amended, be deemed adopted and that the Chair report the Bill as amended to the House; and that, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee prepare a second report describing the circumstances relating to the clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on division.

On motion of Joe Comartin, it was agreed, — That the Committee order a reprint of Bill C-377, as amended.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That the draft report pertaining to the reasons for not having completed the study of Bill C-377 be reviewed and approved by the Committee and that any dissenting or supplementary opinions not exceed two pages and be submitted to the Clerk no later than

7:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That the Committee invite the witnesses previously scheduled on Bill C-474, *An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.*

At 11:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/18 11:06 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 28

Monday, April 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-377, An Act to ensure Canada assumes its responsibilities in preventing dangerous climate change.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,

Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Anderson for Maurice Vellacott,
and Jean-Yves Roy for Marcel Lussier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:
Warren J. Newman, Senior General Counsel, Constitutional and
Administrative Law Section.

David Suzuki Foundation:
Pierre Sadik, Senior Policy Advisor, Sustainability Specialist.

As an Individual:
Glen Toner, Professor, Public Policy, Carleton University.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Monday, April 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: David Anderson for Maurice Vellacott and Jean-Yves Roy for Marcel Lussier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Warren J. Newman, Senior General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law Section. *David Suzuki Foundation:* Pierre Sadik, Senior Policy Advisor, Sustainability Specialist. *As an individual:* Glen Toner, Professor, Public Policy, Carleton University.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development to appear before it on Wednesday May 7, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Committee commence clause by clause of Bill C-474 on May 12, 2008.

It was agreed, — That amendments for Bill C-474 be submitted to the Clerk by end of day on May 8, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Minister be invited to appear before the Committee on May 26 or 28, 2008 on Main Estimates 2008-2009.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet with a delegation (environment committee) from the National People's Congress on June 3, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk prepare a calendar with proposed meetings of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on April 17, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of the report pertaining to the reasons for not having completed the study of Bill C-377.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the Sixth Report on the reasons why the Committee did not complete its study of Bill C-377 and that the Chair present the said report and supplementary or dissenting opinions to the House.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee resumed

consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/30 2:56 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen Douglas Pearson for Francis Scarpaleggia,
and Daniel Petit for Maurice Vellacott.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Sussex Circle Inc.:

James R. Mitchell, Founding Partner.

Statistics Canada:

Karen Wilson, Assistant Chief Statistician, National Accounts and
Analytical Studies Field;
Robert B. Smith, Director, Environment Accounts and Statistics
Division.

As an Individual:

James Meadowcroft, Institutionalizing Strategic Engagement with
Sustainable Development, School of Public Policy, Carleton
University.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Glen Douglas Pearson for Francis Scarpaleggia and Daniel Petit for Maurice Vellacott.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Sussex Circle Inc.: James R. Mitchell, Founding Partner. *Statistics Canada:* Karen Wilson, Assistant Chief Statistician, National Accounts and Analytical Studies Field; Robert B. Smith, Director, Environment Accounts and Statistics Division. *As an individual:* James Meadowcroft, Institutionalizing Strategic Engagement with Sustainable Development, School of Public Policy, Carleton University.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That amendments for Bill C-474 be submitted to the Clerk by 6:00 p.m. on May 7, 2008.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/02 2:59 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Mandate of the Commissioner of Environment and Sustainable Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Jean for Luc Harvey,
and Wayne Marston for Nathan Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;

Scott Vaughan, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Brian Jean for Luc Harvey and Wayne Marston for Nathan Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Scott Vaughan, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee hold a moment of silence for the late Honourable Charles Caccia, former Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and that the Chair write to Ivana Caccia, widow of Charles Caccia, to express the Members' deepest condolences to her and her family for their loss.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Mandate of the Commissioner of Environment and Sustainable Development.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the deadline for submitting amendments for Bill C-474 be noon on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 with the understanding that new amendments may be submitted during clause by clause which will commence on May 14, 2008.

Bernard Bigras moved, — That the Committee recommend that the government ensure that the implementation of regulations resulting from the eventual adoption of Bill C 33, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, not result in an increase in the proportion of Canadian corn production currently used to produce ethanol and that it be reported to the House at the earliest opportunity.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 4.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/08 4:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 31

Monday, May 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mario Silva for Francis Scarpaleggia.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Ministry of Environment of Sweden:

Katja Awati, Deputy Director, Division for Environmental Quality.

Government of New Brunswick:

Hon. Roland Haché, Minister of Environment and Minister responsible for the Northern New Brunswick Initiative;
Kim Hughes, Director, Sustainable Planning Branch, Sciences and Planning Division, Department of the Environment;
Diane Kent Gillis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Sciences and Planning Division, Department of the Environment;
Liane Macfarlane, Director, Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of the Environment.

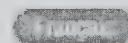
Embassy of Sweden:

H.E. Ingrid Maria Iremark, Ambassador of Sweden to Canada.

Department of the Environment:

Michael Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

Monday, May 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by videoconference at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Mario Silva for Francis Scarpaleggia.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Ministry of Environment of Sweden: Katja Awati, Deputy Director, Division for Environmental Quality. *Government of New Brunswick:* Hon. Roland Haché, Minister of Environment and Minister responsible for the Northern New Brunswick Initiative; Kim Hughes, Director, Sustainable Planning Branch, Sciences and Planning Division, Department of the Environment; Diane Kent Gillis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Sciences and Planning Division, Department of the Environment; Liane Macfarlane, Director, Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of the Environment. *Embassy of Sweden:* H.E. Ingrid Maria Iremark, Ambassador of Sweden to Canada. *Department of the Environment:* Michael Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Minister of Environment appear before the Committee to defend Main Estimates 2008-2009 on May 28, 2008.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/13 4:32 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 32

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denise Savoie for Nathan Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Tim Williams, Analyst;

Sam Banks, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Denise Savoie for Nathan Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst; Sam Banks, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 3,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 41 on page 2 with the following:

“ing a Federal Sustainable Development Strat-”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 1.

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 42 on page 2 and lines 1 and 2 on page 3 with the following:

“egy that will make environmental decision-making more”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 1.

Clause 3, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 1.

Clause 4 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 5 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 6,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing the heading before line 14 and lines 14 to 23 on page 4 the following:

“COMMITTEE

6. A committee of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada, consisting of a Chairperson and other members of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada, shall have oversight of the development and implementation of the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

Clause 6, as amended, carried.

On new Clause 6.1,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-474 be amended by adding after line 23 on page 4 the following:

“OFFICE

6.1 (1) The Minister shall establish a Sustainable Development Office within the Department of the Environment to develop and maintain systems and procedures to monitor progress on implementation of the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy.

(2) The Office shall, at least once every five years after the day on which this Act comes into force, provide the Minister with a report on the progress of the federal government in implementing the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy. The Minister shall cause the report to be laid before the House of Commons on any of the first 15 days on which that House is sitting after the Minister receives it.”

John Godfrey moved, — That the amendment be amended by replacing the word “five” with the word “three”.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of John Godfrey and it was agreed to on division.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On Clause 7,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing lines 24 to 27 on page 4 with the following:

“7.(1) The Minister shall appoint a Sustainable Development Advisory Council composed of one representative”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

John Godfrey moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 4 with the following:

“(a) Aboriginal peoples;”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John Godfrey and it was agreed to on division.

John Godfrey moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 37 on page 4 the following:

“(3) The representatives appointed to the Sustainable Development Advisory Council shall hold office without remuneration and shall not be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the course of their duties.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John Godfrey and it was agreed to on division:

Clause 7, as amended, carried.

On Clause 8,

At 4:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:54 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing the heading before line 1 on page 5 and line 1 on page 5 to line 14 on page 6 with the following:

“FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

8. (1) Within two years after this Act comes into force and within every three-year period after that, the Minister shall develop, in accordance with this section, a Federal Sustainable Development Strategy based on the precautionary principle.

(2) The Federal Sustainable Development Strategy shall set out federal sustainable development goals and targets and an implementation strategy for meeting each target and identify the minister responsible for meeting each target.

(3) The Minister shall submit a draft of the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy to the Sustainable Development Advisory Council, the standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters relating to the environment or to any other committee that the House may designate for the purpose of this section and the public for review and comment, for which the Minister shall allow a period of not less than 120 days.”

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 14 on page 6 the following:

“(4) The Minister shall at the same time submit the draft of the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy to the Commissioner for review and comment, including as to whether the targets and implementation strategies can be assessed, for which the Minister shall allow a period of not less than 120 days.”

Clause 8, as amended, carried.

On Clause 9,

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing lines 17 to 22 on page 6 with the following:

“Federal Sustainable Development Strategy to the Governor in Council for approval as the official Federal Sustainable Development Strategy.”

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing line 24 on page 6 with the following:

“Federal Sustainable Development Strategy in”

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 6 with the following:

“first 15 days thereafter on which that House is”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 6 with the following:

“(3) A Federal Sustainable Development”

Clause 9, as amended, carried.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/15 4:48 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Vice-Chair: Geoff Regan.

Meeting No. 33

Monday, May 26, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Jean for Bob Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;

Tim Williams, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk;

Marie-Andrée Roy, Parliamentary Counsel (Legislation).

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee



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PROCÈS-VERBAL

Séance n° 33

Le lundi 26 mai 2008

Le Comité permanent de l'environnement et du développement durable se réunit aujourd'hui à 15 h 49, dans la pièce 269 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Geoff Regan, le vice-président.

Membres du Comité présents : Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, l'hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, l'hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa et Jeff Watson.

Membres substitués présents : Brian Jean remplace Bob Mills.

Aussi présents : *Bibliothèque du Parlement* : Sam Banks, analyste; Tim Williams, analyste. *Chambre des communes* : Joann Garbig, greffière législative; Marie-Andrée Roy, conseillère parlementaire (Affaires législatives).

Le Comité entreprend l'examen de questions relatives aux travaux du Comité.

Sur motion de Nathan Cullen, il est convenu, — Que le Comité étudie le budget des dépenses 2008-2009 et invite les personnes suivantes à comparaître le 28 mai 2008 :

- Le sous-ministre associé d'Environnement Canada (appuyé par ces fonctionnaires);
- Le président de la Table ronde nationale sur l'environnement et l'économie (appuyé par ces fonctionnaires);
- Le président-directeur général de l'Agence Parcs Canada (appuyé par ces fonctionnaires); et
- Le président de l'Agence canadienne d'évaluation environnementale (appuyé par ces fonctionnaires); et

Qu'un total de vingt minutes soient allouées pour fin de présentations.

Il est convenu, — Que le Comité se réunisse le jeudi 29 mai ou le lundi 2 juin 2008 pour examiner le projet de loi C-474 et qu'il commence l'étude du projet de loi C-469 le lundi 2 juin 2008 après avoir terminé l'examen du projet de loi C-474.

Conformément à l'ordre de renvoi du mercredi 13 février 2008, le Comité reprend l'étude du projet de loi C-474, Loi exigeant l'élaboration et la mise en oeuvre d'une stratégie nationale de développement durable, la communication des progrès accomplis en fonction d'indicateurs environnementaux préétablis, la nomination d'un commissaire à l'environnement et au développement durable indépendant et responsable devant le Parlement, adoptant des objectifs précis en matière de développement durable au Canada et modifiant une autre loi en conséquence.

Le Comité poursuit son étude article par article du projet de loi.

Du consentement unanime, l'article 8 précédemment adopté, tel que modifié, est réexaminé.

Du consentement unanime, il est convenu, — Que l'article 8 soit remis en délibération et que l'amendement suivant soit supprimé :

Que le projet de loi C-474, à l'article 8, soit modifié par adjonction, après la ligne 15, page 6, de ce qui suit :

« (4) Le ministre transmet simultanément au commissaire la version préliminaire de la stratégie fédérale de développement durable pour qu'il en fasse l'examen et présente ses observations, notamment sur la question de savoir si les cibles et les stratégies de mise en oeuvre peuvent être évaluées, et il lui accorde un délai d'au moins cent vingt jours pour ce faire. ».

Sur motion de John Godfrey, il est convenu, — Que le projet de loi C-474, à l'article 8, soit modifié par adjonction, après la ligne 15, page 6, de ce qui suit :

« (4) Le ministre transmet simultanément au commissaire la version préliminaire de la stratégie fédérale de développement durable pour qu'il en fasse l'examen et présente ses observations sur la question de savoir si les cibles et les stratégies de mise en oeuvre peuvent être évaluées, et il lui accorde un délai d'au moins cent vingt jours pour ce faire. »

L'article 8 modifié est adopté.

Après débat, du consentement unanime, l'article 10 est réservé.

À 16 h 26, la séance est suspendue.

À 16 h 31, la séance reprend.

Article 11,

Mark Warawa propose, — Que le projet de loi C-474, à l'article 11, soit modifié par substitution, aux lignes 1 à 16, page 7, de ce qui suit :

« 11. (1) Chaque ministre responsable d'un ministère mentionné à l'annexe I de la *Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques* ou d'une agence mentionnée à l'annexe 2 de la présente loi fait élaborer, par le ministère ou l'agence, une stratégie de développement durable qui comprend les objectifs et les plans d'action du ministère ou de l'agence, qui est conforme à la stratégie fédérale de développement durable et contribue à la réalisation des objectifs de celle-ci, et qui tient compte du mandat du ministère ou de l'agence. Il fait déposer la stratégie devant la Chambre des communes dans l'année qui suit le dépôt, selon l'article 9, de la stratégie fédérale de développement durable devant cette chambre.

(2) Le ministre auquel s'applique le paragraphe (1) fait mettre à jour, au moins tous les trois ans, la stratégie de développement durable du ministère et la fait déposer devant la Chambre des communes dans les quinze premiers jours de séance de celle-ci suivant la mise à jour.

(3) Le gouverneur en conseil peut, sur recommandation du ministre responsable d'un ministère non mentionné à l'annexe I de la *Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques* ou d'une agence mentionnée à l'annexe 2 de la présente loi, ordonner que les exigences prévues aux paragraphes (1) et (2) s'appliquent à ce ministère ou à cette agence.

(4) Sur recommandation du ministre, le gouverneur en conseil peut, par règlement, prévoir la forme et le contenu de la stratégie de développement durable.

Après débat, l'amendement de Mark Warawa est mis aux voix et adopté.

Bernard Bigras propose, — Que le projet de loi C-474, à l'article 11, soit modifié par adjonction, après la ligne 17, page 7, de ce qui suit :

« (1.1) Lorsqu'il élabore la stratégie ministérielle de développement durable, le ministre responsable se conforme à *La directive du Cabinet sur l'évaluation environnementale des projets de politiques, de plans et de programmes*, avec ses modifications successives, publiée par le Bureau du Conseil privé et l'Agence canadienne d'évaluation environnementale. »

Après débat, l'amendement de Bernard Bigras est mis aux voix et rejeté avec dissidence.

L'article 11 modifié est adopté avec dissidence.

Du consentement unanime, le Comité reprend l'étude de l'article 10 qui avait été réservé.

L'article 10 est rejeté.

Article 12,

John Godfrey propose, — Que le projet de loi C-474, à l'article 12, soit modifié par substitution, aux lignes 18 et 19, page 7, de ce qui suit :

« 12. Les accords de rendement qui visent les hauts fonctionnaires des ministères »

Après débat, l'amendement est mis aux voix et le résultat du vote est annoncé : POUR : 5; CONTRE : 5.

Sur quoi, la présidence vote contre l'amendement.

L'amendement est donc rejeté.

Sur motion de Mark Warawa, il est convenu, — Que le projet de loi C-474, à l'article 12, soit modifié par substitution, à la ligne 21, page 7, de ce qui suit :

cibles applicables de la stratégie fédérale de

L'article 12 modifié est mis aux voix et le résultat du vote est annoncé : POUR : 5; CONTRE : 5.

Sur quoi, la présidence vote pour l'article 12 modifié.

L'article 12 modifié est donc adopté.

Après débat, l'article 13 est rejeté.

Après débat, du consentement unanime, l'article 14 est réservé.

L'article 15 est adopté.

Nouvel article 15.1,

John Godfrey propose, — Que le projet de loi C-474 soit modifié par adjonction, après la ligne 12, page 10, du nouvel article suivant :

« DISPOSITION TRANSITOIRE

15.1 Les directives prises en vertu du paragraphe 24(3) de la *Loi sur le vérificateur général*, dans sa version antérieure à l'entrée en vigueur de l'article 19 de la présente loi, demeurent en vigueur et sont réputées avoir été prises en vertu du paragraphe 11(3) de la présente loi. »

À 17 h 28, la séance est suspendue.

À 17 h 36, la séance reprend.

Après débat, du consentement unanime, l'amendement est retiré.

Du consentement unanime, l'article 16 est réservé.

Du consentement unanime, l'article 17 est réservé.

Article 18,

Sur motion de Mark Warawa, il est convenu, — Que le projet de loi C-474, à l'article 18, soit modifié par substitution, aux lignes 26 et 27, page 10, de ce qui suit :

18. L' article 23 de la même loi est remplacé par ce qui suit :

23. (1) Le commissaire effectue les examens et enquêtes qu'il juge nécessaires pour :

a) contrôler la mesure dans laquelle chaque ministère de catégorie I a contribué à la réalisation des cibles prévues dans la stratégie fédérale de développement durable et réalisé les objectifs prévus par sa propre stratégie de développement durable, une fois celle-ci déposée conformément à l'article 11 de la *Loi fédérale sur le développement durable*, et mis en œuvre les plans d'action de celle-ci;

b) assurer le suivi des réponses transmises par les ministres en application du paragraphe 22(3).

(2) Le commissaire établit au nom du vérificateur général et à l'intention de la Chambre des communes un rapport annuel sur toute question environnementale ou autre relative au développement durable qui, à son avis, doit être portée à la connaissance de la chambre, notamment :

a) la mesure dans laquelle chaque ministère de catégorie I a contribué à la réalisation des cibles prévues dans la stratégie fédérale de développement durable et réalisé les objectifs prévus par sa propre stratégie de développement durable, une fois celle-ci déposée conformément à l'article 11 de la *Loi fédérale sur le développement durable*, et mis en œuvre les plans d'action de celle-ci;

b) le nombre de pétitions reçues aux termes du paragraphe 22(1), leur objet et l'état du dossier;

c) les cas d'exercice des pouvoirs conférés au gouverneur en conseil par les paragraphes 11(3) et (4) de

la Loi fédérale sur le développement durable.

(3) Le rapport est présenté au président de la Chambre des communes, qui le dépose devant la chambre dans les quinze premiers jours de séance de celle-ci suivant sa réception.

L'article 18 modifié est adopté.

Clause 18.1,

Sur motion de Mark Warawa, il est convenu, — Que le projet de loi C-474 soit modifié par adjonction, après la ligne 27, page 10, du nouvel article suivant :

18.1 L'article 24 de la même loi est abrogé.

Article 18.2,

Sur motion de John Godfrey, il est convenu, — Que le projet de loi C-474 soit modifié par adjonction, après la ligne 27, page 10, du nouvel article suivant :

« 18.2 L'annexe de la même loi est abrogée. »

Du consentement unanime, le Comité reprend l'étude de l'article 5 qui avait été réservé.

Sur motion de Mark Warawa, il est convenu, — Que le projet de loi C-474, à l'article 5, soit modifié par substitution, à l'intertitre précédant la ligne 8, page 3, et au passage commençant à la ligne 8, page 3, et se terminant à la ligne 16, page 4, de ce qui suit :

PRINCIPE FONDAMENTAL

5. Le gouvernement du Canada souscrit au principe fondamental selon lequel le développement durable est fondé sur l'utilisation écologiquement rationnelle des ressources naturelles, sociales et économiques et reconnaît la nécessité de prendre ses décisions en tenant compte des facteurs environnementaux, économiques et sociaux.

Sur motion de Mark Warawa, il est convenu, — Que le projet de loi C-474, à l'article 5, soit modifié par suppression des lignes 18 à 40, page 3, et des lignes 1 à 16, page 4.

L'article 5 modifié est adopté.

Du consentement unanime, le Comité reprend l'étude de l'article 14 qui avait été réservé.

John Godfrey propose, — Que le projet de loi C-474 soit modifié par adjonction, après la ligne 21, page 9, du nouvel article suivant :

« 13.1 (1) Le commissaire examine le rapport visé à l'article 6 afin de vérifier la fidélité des renseignements qu'il contient relativement aux progrès réalisés par le gouvernement du Canada dans la mise en oeuvre de la stratégie fédérale de développement durable et l'atteinte des cibles qui y sont prévues.

(2) Le commissaire établit et dépose tous les trois ans devant le Parlement un rapport présentant :

- a) les résultats de la vérification qu'il a effectuée en application du paragraphe (1);
- b) ses observations et recommandations sur toute autre question qu'il estime pertinente. »

Il s'élève un débat.

À 17 h 55, la séance est suspendue.

À 18 h 27, la séance reprend.

À 18 h 31, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation par la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité,

Normand Radford

2008/05/28 15 h 2

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Geoff Regan.

Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 under ENVIRONMENT, referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Tilson for Bob Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of the Environment:

Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister;
Cécile Clérout, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment
Stewardship Branch;
Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer,
Finance and Corporate Branch;
John H. Carey, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and
Technology Branch;
Tony Young, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy,
Strategic Policy Branch.

Parks Canada Agency:

Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer.

National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy:

David McLaughlin, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency:

Peter Sylvester, President.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Geoff Regan, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: David Tilson for Bob Mills.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of the Environment: Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister; Cécile Clérout, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment Stewardship Branch; Basia Ruta, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Corporate Branch; John H. Carey, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology Branch; Tony Young, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Strategic Policy Branch. *Parks Canada Agency:* Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer. *National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy:* David McLaughlin, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency:* Peter Sylvester, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 under ENVIRONMENT, referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/03 4:09 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 35

Monday, June 2, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Monday, June 2, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Thierry St-Cyr for Marcel Lussier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk; Marie-Andrée Roy, Parliamentary Counsel (Legislation).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-474, An Act to require the development and implementation of a National Sustainable Development Strategy, the reporting of progress against a standard set of environmental indicators and the appointment of an independent Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development accountable to Parliament, and to adopt specific goals with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of John Godfrey, — That Bill C-474 be amended by adding after line 16 on page 9 the following new clause:

“13.1 (1) The Commissioner shall examine the report referred to in section 6 to assess the fairness of the information contained in the report with respect to the Government of Canada’s progress in implementing the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy and meeting its targets.

(2) The Commissioner shall prepare and table a report to Parliament every three years setting out

(a) the results of the assessment the Commissioner made pursuant to subsection (1); and

(b) observations and recommendations on any other matters that the Commissioner considers relevant.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 14 was allowed to stand.

The Committee reverted to Clause 16 previously stood.

John Godfrey moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing lines 13 and 14 on page 10 with the following:

"16. (1) The definition "sustainable development strategy" in section 2 of the *Auditor General Act* is repealed.

(2) The definition "category I department" in section 2 of the Act is replaced by the following:

"category I department" means

(a) any department named in Schedule I to the *Financial Administration Act*;

(b) any department in respect of which a direction has been made under subsection 11(1) of the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*; and

(c) any department set out in the Schedule 2 to the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John Godfrey and it was agreed to.

Clause 16, as amended, carried.

At 4:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:22 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee reverted to Clause 17 previously stood.

Clause 17 was negatived.

On new Clause 17.1,

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-474 be amended by adding after line 23 on page 10 the following new clause:

"17.1 The portion of section 21.1 of the Act before paragraph (a) is replaced by the following:

21.1 In addition to carrying out the functions referred to in subsections 23(3) and (4), the purpose of the Commissioner is to provide sustainable development monitoring and reporting on the progress of category I departments towards sustainable development, which is a continually evolving concept based on the integration of social, economic and environmental concerns, and which may be achieved by, among other things,"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Clause 18 previously carried, as amended, was reconsidered.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Clause 18 be re-opened and that the following amendment be removed:

That Bill C-474, in Clause 18, be amended by replacing lines 24 and 25 on page 10 with the following:

"18. Section 23 of the Act is replaced by the following:

23. (1) The Commissioner shall make any examinations and inquiries that the Commissioner considers necessary in order to monitor

(a) the extent to which category I departments have contributed to meeting the targets set out in the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy and have met the objectives, and implemented the plans, set out in their own sustainable development strategies laid before the House of Commons under section 11 of the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*; and

(b) the replies by Ministers required by subsection 22(3).

(2) The Commissioner shall, on behalf of the Auditor General, report annually to the House of Commons concerning anything that the Commissioner considers should be brought to the attention of that House in relation to environmental and other aspects of sustainable development, including

(a) the extent to which category I departments have contributed to meeting the targets set out in the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy and have met the objectives, and implemented the plans, set out in their own sustainable development strategies laid before that House under section 11 of the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*;

(b) the number of petitions recorded as required by subsection 22(1), the subject matter of the petitions and their status; and

(c) the exercising of the authority of the Governor in Council under subsections 11(3) and (4) of the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*.

(3) The report required by subsection (2) shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Commons and shall be laid before that House by the Speaker on any of the next 15 days on which that House is sitting after the Speaker receives it.”

Mark Warawa moved, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 18, be amended by replacing lines 24 and 25 on page 10 with the following:

“18. Section 23 of the Act is replaced by the following:

23. (1) The Commissioner shall make any examinations and inquiries that the Commissioner considers necessary in order to monitor

(a) the extent to which category I departments have contributed to meeting the targets set out in the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy and have met the objectives, and implemented the plans, set out in their own sustainable development strategies laid before the House of Commons under section 11 of the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*; and

(b) the replies by Ministers required by subsection 22(3).

(2) The Commissioner shall, on behalf of the Auditor General, report annually to the House of Commons concerning anything that the Commissioner considers should be brought to the attention of that House in relation to environmental and other aspects of sustainable development, including

(a) the extent to which category I departments have contributed to meeting the targets set out in the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy and have met the objectives, and implemented the plans, set

out in their own sustainable development strategies laid before that House under section 11 of the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*;

(b) the number of petitions recorded as required by subsection 22(1), the subject-matter of the petitions and their status; and

(c) the exercising of the authority of the Governor in Council under subsections 11(3) and (4) of the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*.

(3) The Commissioner shall examine the report required under subsection 6.1(2) of the *Federal Sustainable Development Act* in order to assess the fairness of the information contained in the report with respect to the progress of the federal government in implementing the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy and meeting its targets.

(4) The Commissioner shall include in the report referred to in subsection (2) the results of any assessment conducted under subsection (3) since the last report was laid before the House of Commons under subsection (5).

(5) The report required by subsection (2) shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Commons and shall be laid before that House by the Speaker on any of the next 15 days on which that House is sitting after the Speaker receives it.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa and it was agreed to.

Clause 18, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 11 previously carried, as amended, was reconsidered.

After debate, by unanimous consent, Clause 11 was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of John Godfrey previously withdrawn which read as follows:

That Bill C-474 be amended by adding after line 12 on page 10 the following new clause:

“TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

15.1 The directions made under subsection 24(3) of the Auditor General Act, as this subsection read immediately before the coming into force of section 19 of this Act, remain in force and are deemed to have been made under subsection 11(3) of this Act.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John Godfrey and it was agreed to.

The Committee reverted to Clause 11 previously stood.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reconsidered the amendment of Mark Warawa previously adopted which read as follows: That Bill C-474, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 16 on page 7 with the following:

“11. (1) Each Minister presiding over a department named in schedule I to the *Financial*

Administration Act, or an agency named in schedule 2 of this act shall cause the department or agency to prepare a sustainable development strategy containing objectives and plans for the department or agency that complies with and contributes to the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy, appropriate to the department or agency's mandate and shall cause the strategy to be laid before the House of Commons within one year after the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy is tabled in that House under Section 9.

(2) A minister to whom subsection (1) applies shall cause the department's sustainable development strategy to be updated at least once every three years and shall cause each updated strategy to be laid before the House of Commons on any of the next 15 days on which that House is sitting after the strategy is updated.

(3) The Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of a minister presiding over a department not named in Schedule I to the Financial Administration Act, or agency named in Schedule 2 of this Act, direct that the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) apply in respect of the department or agencies.

(4) The governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister, make regulations prescribing the form in which sustainable development strategies are to be prepared and the information required to be contained in them.”

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That the amendment be amended in subsection 11(3) by adding the word “not” before the words “named in Schedule 2 of this Act,”

The question was put on the amendment of Mark Warawa, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Clause 11, as amended, carried.

The Committee reverted to Clause 2 previously stood.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 10 on page 1 with the following:

“appointed under subsection 15.1(1) of the *Auditor General Act*.”

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 2, be amended by deleting lines 11 and 12 on page 1.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 2, be amended

(a) by deleting lines 13 and 14 on page 1;

(b) by deleting lines 1 to 9 on page 2;

(c) by deleting lines 10 to 13 on page 2;

(d) by deleting lines 14 to 20 on page 2.

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 2, be amended by deleting lines 23 to 25 on page 2.

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 26 to 30 on page 2 with the following:

““precautionary principle” means the principle that where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.”

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

The Schedule was negatived.

On New Schedule,

On motion of John Godfrey, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474 be amended by adding the following after the schedule on page 14:

“SCHEDULE 2

(Subsection 11(1))

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Agence de promotion économique du Canada atlantique

Canada Border Services Agency

Agence des services frontaliers du Canada

Canada Revenue Agency

Agence du revenu du Canada

Canadian International Development Agency

Agence canadienne de développement international

Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec

Agence de développement économique du Canada pour les régions du Québec

Parks Canada Agency

Agence Parcs Canada

Public Health Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé publique du Canada ”

On Clause 1,

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 4 and 5 on page 1 with the following:

1. This Act may be cited as the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*.

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

On Title,

On motion of Mark Warawa, it was agreed, — That Bill C-474 be amended by replacing the long title on page 1 with the following:

“An Act to require the development and implementation of a Federal Sustainable Development Strategy and the development of goals and targets with respect to sustainable development in Canada, and to make consequential amendments to another Act”

The Title, as amended, carried.

The Committee reverted to Clause 13.1 previously stood.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

The Committee reverted to Clause 14 previously stood.

After debate, Clause 14 was negatived.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-474, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was moved, — That the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development have three meetings to study Bill C-469, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (use of phosphorus), that the Committee receive Mr. André, M.P., and officials on June 4, witnesses on June 9, and proceed with the clause by clause on June 11.

That the motion be amended by replacing the words “witnesses on June 9, and proceed with the clause by clause on June 11” with the words “witnesses on June 9 and 11 and clause by clause on June 16th”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment and it was negatived.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with its study on oil sands and water on June 16, 2008 and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet to set-up a work plan for June 16th meeting.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/10 11:47 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-469, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (use of phosphorus).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Guy André, M.P., Berthier—Maskinongé.

Department of Justice:

Daniel Blasioli, Senior Counsel.

Department of the Environment:

John H. Carey, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and
Technology Branch;

Margaret Kenny, Director General, Chemical Sectors.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:55 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Guy André, M.P., Berthier—Maskinongé. *Department of Justice:* Daniel Blasioli, Senior Counsel. *Department of the Environment:* John H. Carey, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology Branch; Margaret Kenny, Director General, Chemical Sectors.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-469, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (use of phosphorus).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on June 3, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee commence consideration of the study agreed to on January 30, 2008 regarding the impact of oil-sands development on present and future water supplies, including on water flows and pollution in the Athabasca River and Lake Athabasca and on migratory birds in the Peace-Athabasca Delta on June 16 and 18, 2008; and
2. That the meetings consists of information sessions on description, history, technology and future development of the oil-sands; and
3. That the format of the meetings be left at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/10 11:48 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 37

Monday, June 9, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-469, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (use of phosphorus).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Luc Harvey,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guy André for Marcel Lussier,
and Thomas J. Mulcair for Nathan Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Monday, June 9, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by teleconference at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 214 Wellington Building, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Hon. John Godfrey, Luc Harvey, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Guy André for Marcel Lussier and Thomas J. Mulcair for Nathan Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Richard Carignan, Full Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Montréal. *Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association:* Chera Jelley, Director, Policy. *Conseil régional de l'environnement de la Montérégie:* Richard Marois, President. *COMGA (Gatineau River Watershed Committee):* Giorgio Vecco, Coordinator.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 13, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-469, An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (use of phosphorus).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Bernard Bigras, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1, the Committee requests an extension of thirty sitting days to consider Bill C-469, an Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (use of phosphorus).

It was agreed, — That Clause by Clause study of Bill C-469 be held when the House reconvenes from its summer recess.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/12 2:27 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 38

Monday, June 16, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 30, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Impact of Oil Sands Development on Present and Future Water Supplies.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Marcel Lussier,
David J. McGuinty,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott,
Mark Warawa
and Jeff Watson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Jean for Luc Harvey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sam Banks, Analyst;
Tim Williams, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Paul Chastko, Director, International Relations Program,
University of Calgary.

Canadian Centre for Energy Information:

Colleen Killingsworth, President.

Department of Natural Resources:

Kevin Stringer, Director General, Petroleum Resources Branch;
Mr. Kevin Cliffe, Director, Oil Division.

CANMET Energy Technology Centre (CETC) - Devon :

Hassan Hamza, Director General, Department of Natural
Resources.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Monday, June 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met by videoconference at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Hon. John Godfrey, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott, Mark Warawa and Jeff Watson.

Acting Members present: Brian Jean for Luc Harvey.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Paul Chastko, Director, International Relations Program, University of Calgary. *Canadian Centre for Energy Information:* Colleen Killingsworth, President. *Department of Natural Resources:* Kevin Stringer, Director General, Petroleum Resources Branch; Mr. Kevin Cliffe, Director, Oil Division. *CANMET Energy Technology Centre (CETC) - Devon :* Hassan Hamza, Director General, Department of Natural Resources.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Marcel Lussier, it was agreed, — That the reference to the Joslyn Mine, made by Peter Sylvester, President of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, at the 34th meeting of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development held on May 28, 2008 in response to a question by Marcel Lussier, be excised.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 30, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of the Impact of Oil Sands Development on Present and Future Water Supplies.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/17 11:20 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Bob Mills.

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 30, 2008, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Impact of Oil Sands Development on Present and Future Water Supplies.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras,
Nathan Cullen,
Hon. John Godfrey,
Bob Mills,
Hon. Geoff Regan,
Francis Scarpaleggia,
Maurice Vellacott
and Mark Warawa.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alan Tonks for Hon. Geoff Regan.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Jean.

IN ATTENDANCE:

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Bob Mills, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Nathan Cullen, Hon. John Godfrey, Bob Mills, Hon. Geoff Regan, Francis Scarpaleggia, Maurice Vellacott and Mark Warawa.

Acting Members present: Alan Tonks for Hon. Geoff Regan.

Associate Members present: Brian Jean.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sam Banks, Analyst; Tim Williams, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency: Steve Burgess, Acting Vice-President, Operations Sector; Steve Chapman, Acting Director, Panel Secretariat.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on January 30, 2008, the Committee resumed its study of the Impact of Oil Sands Development on Present and Future Water Supplies.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/19 11:10 a.m.
